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In this crucial hour Northern and Southern Baptists must not fail the heroic men and women who have been stricken one way or another by the havoc of war. American Baptists will not turn a deaf ear to the call of Pastors, Missionaries, and other workers, who are in a most tragic plight. The men who are heading the relief fund drive . . . Dr. George W. Truett, Dr. P. H. J. Lerrigo, and Dr. Louie D. Newton, are depending on Baptists to respond even at great sacrifice. No church, North or South, regardless of how hard pressed, can ignore this appeal. Offerings should be taken again and again for this holy cause. These offerings should be rushed to State Convention offices. They are being transmitted promptly to the needy areas. Baptists of the United States are blessed beyond all measure. Our churches are not razed to the ground. We are able to worship each and every Lord's Day. Our children are secure. Pastors and their families are not trudging highways seeking a place of refuge. What need is there that compares with the importance of this call for aid?

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CHRISTMAS APPEAL WILL GO TO ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, PALESTINE

Americans have learned to admire the spirit of Britain. It is the spirit of indomitable resolve, of cheerful sacrifice, of heroic courage. Blow after blow has fallen, but each blow has only had the effect of hardening the temper of the nation, as steel is hardened in the flame. (England and Scotland have had homes, factories and office buildings destroyed by German bombs. There are many homes which have been darkened by the wing of death. But no mourning is worn for the heroic dead.) A Church of England Clergyman writes, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed, perplexed but not in despair, persecuted but not forsaken, cast down but not destroyed".

PLEASE HELP AT ONCE

Owing to the destruction of so many firms and offices in England and Scotland the gifts to Jewish Missionary Societies have fallen off, but refugees must be taken care of. Women and Children must be fed, housed and clothed.

FROM SCOTLAND COMES THIS MESSAGE

"It is a relief to know that we have your interest in this matter of the Hebrew Christian refugees. We are responsible for some two hundred children in addition to men and women, and the subscriptions from the Churches here have fallen off."

RELIEF FOR PALESTINE

The British Jew's Society writes "The English Government does not allow transferance of funds to Palestine when there is so much need for the money at home. The extension of the war to the Mediterranean leads us to wonder how far Palestine may be affected by it. We do not know what is to take place, but we know that whatever the future may hold for them our staff at the Mt. Carmel Bible School, Haifa will do their utmost to help the people among whom they labour. Famine will be far more extensive this winter than ever before. God's children in America must face their Christian responsibility when winter comes.

BEING SORRY IS NOT ENOUGH

While penning these lines an air-mail letter from Budapest was handed to us. It is from a Hebrew Christian mother whose only child is in our care. She writes—"The only pleasure nowdays are letters from you and the child, and want to thank you so much for photos of my child with which we were delighted so much. I have so much to say but of what use. I eat from the tin on the street, now many people go to the same tins. I find nothing there. I leave my child to you. And I ask you so much nothing to mention about to Ana, let her be happy. Goodbye, be kindly greeted from full heart." We cabled this mother not to commit suicide and sent an air-mail letter to the Scottish Jewish Mission in Budapest to render aid to her. Twelve cents a day will keep her in one meal a day. One dollar, ten days. Please save the life of this mother.

VICTIMS OF NAZISM

If we ceased to appeal one month, Hebrew Christians would starve to death. These victims fled and left behind all their earthly possessions, glad to escape with only their lives, victims of ruthless persecution.

As we are almost to celebrate Christmas—and think of Him who was God's gift to the world, let us not forget that He was born of a Jewish Virgin and was no doubt Jewish in appearance and not Italian or Spanish as our famous Artists would have us believe. Let us remember the words of Paul when he said "Their debtors we are" and let us try and pay that debt by sending a contribution for needy Hebrew Christians. May God enable us to see the needs of His people and may we give generously of our substance.

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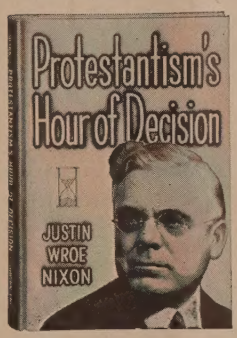

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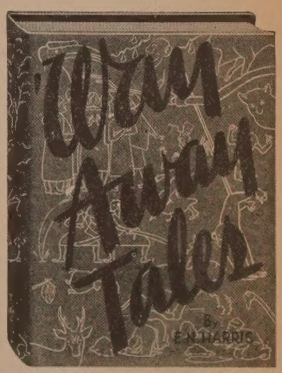

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CHRISTIAN STRATEGY

Expect Great Things from God! Attempt Great Things for God!

By WILLIAM MUELLER

Read: Isaiah 54, 2, 3

Luke 2:1-20

In some of the churches of Europe and in our own land God's people celebrate the ADVENT for four Sundays prior to Christmas. This period is designed to be a season of self-searching, of spiritual preparation, and of eager expectancy for the festive celebration of the Saviour's birth. Are we in these dark days of 1940 an expectant people? Shall we with William Carey, the founder of modern Anglo-American missions, "expect great things from God in order also to attempt great things for God"? If we are inclined to point to the dark and number days that have fallen upon us let us remember that when Carey first dreamed of world-wide missions the time was out of joint just as now.

There was first of all a war-torn world when Carey, the cobbler-preacher, began to arouse his Baptist brethren to their missionary responsibility. The French Revolution had just spent itself in terrible fury; dictatorship followed, with Napoleon Bonaparte disturbing the peace of the world as Hitler is destroying it today. In the 120 years prior to the battle of Waterloo, England had been at war for 69 years. Yes, it was a troubled world into which Carey was born. To make matters worse, British Baptists were held in the vise of a paralyzing Calvinism that choked off missionary passion. And the British East India Company, then in control of India, was definitely hostile to missions. This grasping company hindered the missionaries at every turn. Carey had to sail on a Danish vessel to get to the land of his dreams. Once arrived in Calcutta the intrepid Carey endured hardships innumerable. His five year old child died of deadly fever, while Mrs. Carey soon became incurably insane. Seven years Carey wrought before his first convert, Krishna Pal, was baptized on December 28, 1800. Yet, Carey endured in faith!

In view of all these difficulties and obstacles it is well nigh amazing what that famous Serampore Trio, Carey, Marshman and Ward, wrought for God on India's coral strand. Just think of it:

These pioneers translated the Bible into more than 40 languages and dialects. They established a hospital and an orphanage, they organized 18 mission stations in Benares, Delhi, Barisal, Dacca, Dagpur, Calcutta and in Burma. Carey, an expert in Sanskrit, and after 1802 Professor of Sanskrit in Fort William College, stimulated research in India's culture and languages, himself editing three volumes of the Ramayana epic. He also became an expert in India's flora, built a botanical garden and corresponded with the most famous orientalists and botanists of his day. The Serampore Printing Press was a pioneer in creating types for many Indian and East Asiatic languages. And all this to spread the testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Most of these enterprises Carey and his friends supported with their own hard-earned money. Translating, teaching, preaching, traveling, overseeing—all to promote God's Kingdom on earth!

Christmas 1940! Shall we shirk our duty because the day is evil or shall we emulate the faith, the courage, the daring of William Carey and his intrepid associates? "Expect Great Things from God! Attempt Great Things for God!"

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EDITORIAL

ANNOUNCEMENT

From the beginning I have felt that the permanent home of THE UNITED STATES BAPTIST should be Washington, D. C. This hope has now become a reality.

The next and subsequent issues will come to you from the Nation's Capitol. All communications should now be addressed to 715 Eighth Street, N.W. New offices are located in the same building with the Baptist World Alliance and the District of Columbia Baptist Convention. I believe THE UNITED STATES BAPTIST is now in a position to bring to the American people a more dynamic interpretation of Baptist principles and affairs. This is the day for Baptist journalism that will promote and fortify our cooperative effort, and aid in bringing to bear upon American life the full strength of all Baptist groups. THE UNITED STATES BAPTIST will defend principles and offer constructive criticism. It will not discuss petty issues. It will not appease, or attempt to carry water on both shoulders. It will not claim any prior rights in the field of Baptist journalism. It will speak for Baptists . . . their blessed traditions, and their interpretation of the Christian Gospel.

I earnestly pray for the cooperation of all friends. I pledge you continued effort to keep before the American people the principles of Freedom, Justice and Love . . . which principles constitute the foundation of a structure supported by more than 10,500,000 Baptists.

It is my pleasure to assume the pastorate of The Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church. This new church will become a national shrine to the memory of the illustrious missionary.

Mike Elliott

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Put Yourself in Their Place

Thousands of Baptists in Europe and Asia are in need.

Their lives are wrecked. Their homes are destroyed. They face a winter of privation and hunger. Most of their churches are closed, or destroyed. They have only one place to look for help. There is only one group of fellow Baptists able to rally to their needs with money. That group is American Baptists.

It may be that the immediate and generous response of Baptists in America will furnish the fuel needed to rebuild the missionary passion. Regardless of home need . . . the one vital and important thing before us right now is the sending of large sums of money to our destitute brethren. The sum of $500,000 sought by Northern Baptists, and the sum of $250,000 sought by the Southern Baptists, is a mere pittance. We ought to raise not less than $1,500,000 . . . and we ought to do it immediately. This is the major issue before us now. God help American Baptists to see the need and pour their money on the altar. Money raised should be forwarded without delay to Northern and Southern Baptist World Relief headquarters. Stranded missionaries are calling. Send an offering . . . and send it NOW.

Dr. L. K. Williams

The sudden and tragic death of Dr. L. K. Williams on October 20th removes from Baptist ranks a statesman of the first order. As one of the vice presidents of The Baptist World Alliance, president of the National Baptist Convention, Incorporated, and pastor of the Olivet Baptist Church, Chicago, Dr. Williams made a contribution to Baptist life excelled by few men. His career was a perfect example of success wrought out against heavy odds. In Chicago he built one of the great Baptist churches of the world. In January the church of 10,000 members would have celebrated his Silver Anniversary as pastor. He was a humble man. He fought for the rights of his race. He despised those who attempted to use his people for selfish ends. He preached harmony among his own people. He cooperated to the limit for the common cause. His death in an airplane accident came at an unfortunate time for Baptists. His counsel will be missed in these trying days. The blow to his congregation of his sudden death was followed by another blow. More than 3500 people had gathered in the historic Olivet Church for the funeral. Fire broke out at the moment the service began. Dr. J. H. Branham, the assistant pastor for many years, announced the fire and asked the people to file out quietly and in order. The organist remained at her post, the choir courageously sat in their places. The body of Dr. Williams was removed to the street. Damage amounted to $50,000. Later in the day the street fronting the church was roped off and the funeral service held. This double blow was indeed a hard one. The Olivet Church deserves the sympathy and practical assistance of all Baptists. A city-wide memorial service will be held later in which the official life of the city, and many religious leaders, will participate.

Books for Baptist Leaders

Two books which all Baptist leaders should be reading these days are **The Christian Fellowship,** by Nels F. S. Ferré, and **What Is Christianity?** by Charles Clayton Morrison. An entirely new basis for Christian union is being discussed today, a basis which Southern as well as Northern Baptists should be vitally interested in, and we have the right to know about it from the beginning. Denominational lines, pet beliefs, ancient creeds are not strong enough barriers in times like these. They are being destroyed as great gaps of fellowship are being created in the walls. The Christian spirit can be trusted to unite all true Christians.

Increased Missionary Giving

One of the most encouraging signs since the Conventions is the increase in our missionary giving. This must mean that we are again becoming world conscious and that our local churches are being quickened spiritually. For we all know from experience that the missionary-minded church is the strong church. This increase in missionary giving must also mean that the hard, faithful, inspiring work of the directors of promotion is bearing fruit. In all this we have reason to rejoice in spite of our present difficulties.

Convention Programs

This is the time of year when we begin to think seriously about the programs for our annual national Baptist Conventions. Program committees are now holding their most important meetings. Even now the shape of these annual meetings are being molded. It is a tremendous task to organize a national convention and every new committee is taxed to the utmost. This is why new ideas, fresh suggestions, proposed plans should be contributed by scores of individuals and local churches throughout the nation.

Baptists will face during the next year great and powerful odds. Another world war is taking place almost in our back yard. A social revolution is in process. Civic liberty and religious freedom are being curtailed on every hand. Our whole missionary enterprise is under heavy fire.

If Baptists are going to advance in a world like this then they must, on a national and international scale, take a positive point of view and actively fight for their cherished principles.

We would therefore advocate that our national conventions for 1941 seriously consider (1) the Baptist contribution toward national defense and (2) the Baptist contribution to a new world order founded upon Christian principles. There should be plenty of time for discussion, even as much as that provided by the Clinics held at Atlantic City last year. Instruction classes, question boxes, town meeting plans, debates, forums, information stations should be given careful consideration.

Except for the annual sermon, all addresses must be made brief and to the point. This next year we simply must demand facts, reality, fundamentals from our speakers. Every speaker ought to furnish a carefully prepared manuscript, at least a week before the convention, to the publicity department. The material should be so vital that it would make news.

We believe that Baptists, perhaps more than any other Christian body, have a message of salvation to offer this mad world. We must find a way to proclaim it. "Jesus calls us o'er the tumult" to speak for him and—to advance! Nothing should keep us from pressing on toward the mark of our high calling in Christ Jesus. Let us demonstrate this resolve at our great national conventions.

Let's Help the Chaplains

One thousand Chaplains and Camp Pastors will look after the spiritual welfare of the thousands of men now in the army camps, or who will enter the camps before many weeks have passed. The Chaplains and Camp Pastors are calling for religious journals to be sent to them and to all of the camp reading rooms. **The United States Baptist** is conducting a quiet campaign among friends asking them to send a $1 bill, or more, to make the magazine available to the Chaplains and reading rooms. Our plan is to place all of them on the subscription list, providing friends make it possible. Perhaps you would like to be one who will be responsible for one or more subscriptions. Your Church, or some organization in the Church, might want to adopt this plan as a project. We do not need to argue the value of such a response on your part. The Lutherans are waging a vigorous campaign of this sort. Baptists certainly want the Baptist message to reach those of the Baptist faith, and also to give the Baptist message a place alongside other denominational journals. **The United States Baptist,** with your help, proposes to fortify the spiritual life of the boys in the camps. Will you be one to see that all Chaplains and Camp Pastors, and all of the reading rooms, are provided with a copy each month? Put a $1 bill, or more, in an envelope. Designate it to the "Chaplain Fund". Mail it to **The United States Baptist,** 407 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Baptists Point the Way

THE writer of these lines is not a Baptist, but he hands it to the Baptists for their majestic restatement of religious liberty and the separation of church and state. How long our minds have been befogged on this issue, with infiltration, insidious and purposed, of ideas about the duty of the state to support sectarian education and to administer relief through church charities! This has gone so far that one metropolitan newspaper, Protestant in background, promoted the formation of Protestant Charities to receive state or federal moneys to administer relief to poor through Protestant churches. Fortunately the church federation of that city saw through the scheme and refused to endorse it.

The purpose, of course, was to get Protestants as organized church bodies to accept tax money in support of their work. That would involve acceptance of the principle of the state supporting the church — and forever gone would be the principle of separation of church and state on which America has been built and a free religion made possible. Once that bulwark is broken down, the public treasury can be raided to support sectarian schools and then the church itself. That means either one denomination becoming so powerful as to make of itself the state church — God forbid such a tragedy in a free America — or the church becoming subservient to a government. In either case, totalitarianism replaces democracy.

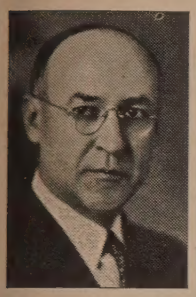
In the face of this national threat, made worse by its indirect approach, the Baptists sounded forth their historic doctrine of religious liberty with a clarity and a logic nothing short of magnificent. That statement should be read once a year from every liberty-loving pulpit in America, and should be expounded again and again to our youth, that they may see clearly the issues involved and the risks at hand. If every one of the Baptist churches in our broad land should be entirely sterile of results during 1940, that one proclamation alone would be worth all the money and all the energy poured in to maintain Baptist activity.

A Ministry of Secretaries

For the period after January 1st Northern Baptists have a field program that will continue the interest aroused by the Fall Conference for church officers, and the later conferences in local churches. This second section of the year's program was approved by the Council on Finance and Promotion at its Atlantic City Meeting, and will be called a Ministry of Secretaries in Individual Churches. Most of the national, state and city secretaries have agreed to cooperate in giving effect to this plan.

This part of the special field program is to be projected during the months of February and March. It is proposed that each denominational secretary (national, state and city) be asked to devote at least a week's service to a special ministry in an individual church. The form of this service will, of course, be determined by the local situation. In most cases, however, this will take the form of a series of Evangelistic addresses delivered on the evenings of the week. While carrying on this service the secretary will have an opportunity, under the direction of the pastor, to contact various groups within the church. It is believed that such a service will have a profound influence on the churches visited and will also serve the added purpose of putting each secretary in direct contact with the actual work of an individual church, thus aiding him to a better understanding of the problems which are being faced in our churches today.

News Digest . . . . . By William Park



Dr. R. B. Deer, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Baptist convention, recovering from a serious operation and is regaining strength at his home in Narberth, Pa. Dr. Deer has done a great work, not only in his own state but in the NorthernConvention through his effective leadership.

Dr. Charles A. Weed, D.D., has resigned his work with the Calvary Baptist church, Rio Grande, Ohio, to accept the call of the Fidelity Baptist church, Cleveland. Fidelity offers a great opportunity and during her 48 years has only had four pastors.

Mr. Walter H. Bartle, superintendent of the First Baptist Sunday school, Altoona, Pa., has been elected president of the state convention. Mr. Bartle is active in his own church and is a member of the General Council of the Northern Convention.

Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S. D., is in a five-state campaign to raise $135,000. $70,000 of the amount will be used for a boys' dormitory.

Dr. R. J. Renison, rector of St. Paul's Anglican church, Toronto, and formerly a bishop, has announced that henceforth he will not preach "war sermons" but will "stick to eternal truths."

A "Committee on Religious Life in the Nation's Capitol" has been formed to cope with the situation in Washington occasioned by great numbers moving to that city. They are moving in by the thousands, most of them young people and our churches are rendering increased service.

Dr. W. O. Lewis, secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, has established Alliance headquarters in Washington, D. C., "for the duration of the war." The International Y.M.C.A. offices have also been moved from Switzerland to Washington.

Dr. C. B. Williams of Florida, formerly of Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Texas, has prepared a course of 100 lessons on the Old and New Testaments, with nonsectarian comment, for use in the public schools of Tampa. The course was prepared under the committee from the ministers association and the superintendent of public instruction.

During the past summer in Scotland very large open air meetings were held on Sunday afternoons. The attendance was so large that loud speakers had to be used.

The Swedish Baptist General Conference of America has begun the publication in Chicago of "The Standard" which will be the paper for all our Swedish organizations. Rev. J. O. Backlund and Rev. C. George Ericson are the editors. May the Lord prosper the work of their hands.

Many pastors will say, "Amen!" to the suggestion that it would be good for other churches to follow the example of the First church, San Antonio, Tex., which recently presented Pastor Perry F. Webb with a new Studebaker automobile.

When the editor of this department preached at a chapel in South Omaha one night recently members of three generations responded to the invitation to accept Christ as personal Saviour. There was the grandmother, daughter and four grandchildren in the group. Dr. Park, executive secretary of the Nebraska convention has also been elected director of evangelism for the Nebraska Baptists, succeeding Rev. M. C. Carstensen.

The National Lutheran Council of America has a goal of $500,000 this year to maintain the work of their 45 European Lutheran missionary fields which have been operated by European societies.

Rev. Wayland Zwayer has accepted the call of the Emmanuel church, Brooklyn, after serving the Jefferson Avenue church, Detroit, for nine years.

Dr. G. Arvid Hagstrom, having passed the retirement age, has resigned as president of Bethel College and Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., and will be succeeded next year by Rev. Henry C. Wingblade.

Known to many Baptists north and south is Rev. I. V. Neprash, Russian missionary. He has been in Argentina and Paraguay serving the large number of Russian immigrants entering that country, but has returned to his home in Philadelphia to carry on his work with the Russian Missionary Service.

Dr. U. S. Mitchell, pastor of the First church, Berkeley, Calif., in the Berkeley Baptist presents the pictures of the Berkeley Divinity School, with an urgent appeal for additional funds, all based on the service which the Seminary renders.

New Jersey has 285 churches with 61,384 members carrying forward a great program under the able leadership of Secretary Charles Goodall. The state convention recently met at Paterson.

The Centennial Celebration of the Rhode Island Baptist Sunday School Convention was held with the Lloyd Avenue church, Providence, with Miss Margaret Slattery as one of the main speakers. Congratulations to our Rhode Island Baptists.

The Massachusetts Baptist convention this year had a great array of speakers including Dr. E. MacNeil Poteat, Dr. O. H. MacDonald, Hon. E. J. Millington, Wallace Wang of China, Miss Hazel F. Shank, and Miss Ruth Makeham.

Dr. A. S. Kelley has closed his work as executive secretary of West Virginia Baptists after serving the state for 28 years. He is held in high esteem by the thousands of Baptists in this good state. Dr. Hugh D. Pickett is his successor.

News from Oregon indicates that state secretary Dr. F. W. Starring is rapidly recovering from serious illness. Dr. Frank E. Eden, director of evangelism for the Pacific coast has moved his headquarters from Portland to San Francisco, 83 McAllister street. And the 83rd session of Linfield College opened with special services at which Dr. H. V. Jensen of Seattle was the speaker.

Dr. C. Oscar Johnson of the Third church, St. Louis was the preacher in a series of special meetings with the First church, Nashville, Tenn. It was the first time in his 19 years as pastor of this great church that Dr. W. F. Powell has secured outside help for a revival, with possibly one or two exceptions.

Mr. Don Norman, field man for the Baptist and Reflector, Nashville, has gone to Dallas, Texas, as assistant editor to Dr. F. M. McConnell of the Baptist Standard.

The 53rd convention of the Protestant Episcopal church, meeting in Kansas City, took a strong stand in favor of giving England all the help possible. Encouragement was given the organization "Bundles for Britain", and $300,000 was voted for support of British missions. Special representatives had come to the convention from England. The convention approved the reorganization of the church in Japan and approved the transfer of $420,000 endowment of St. Luke's Hospital in Tokyo to the Japanese Christian Church when assured it would belong to this church. They also passed a law prohibiting a young minister to marry until he has been out of the seminary two years. A high point was reached when the women brought their thank offering of $974,089.70 to the altar for missions.

It was a great shock to the Baptists of the world when Dr. L. K. Williams, pastor of a great Negro Baptist church in Chicago and one of the vice-presidents of the Baptist World Alliance was killed in an airplane crash October 28. One of his faithful members, the Hon. Wm. Haynes, was killed in the same fateful crash.

In Alabama Judson College for women, founded in 1838, and Howard College, founded in 1842, are celebrating anniversaries. The bicentennial of the University of Pennsylvania has served to remind the nation that this school had its beginning in the charity school established by George Whitefield, although Benjamin Franklin is looked upon as the founder of the University. Honorary degrees were conferred upon Prof. Jacques Maritain of Toronto and Prof. Reinhold Niebuhr of Union Theological Seminary, New York.

Into the fellowship of the Secona, S. C., church this summer John E. Watson was baptized. He was 98 years old and one of the few surviving Confederate soldiers in this country.

The Southern Baptist Hospital at Kwelin, Central China, has been destroyed by Japanese bombs.

Dr. W. B. Riley of the First church, Minneapolis, has an extensive program for this fall. Beginning with a young people's revival it includes such speakers as Col. F. J. Miles of London, England; Dr. M. E. Dodd of Shreveport, Dr. James Graham, Jr., of China and Homer Rodeheaver.

Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, who was arrested by the Japanese government, has been released for lack of sufficient evidence to prosecute. He has gone to the Toyoshima Island, in the Inland Sea, where he will devote the remainder of his life to tuberculosis work, according to a recent announcement.

Dr. Emory Ross, Disciple, and for many years a missionary in the Belgian Congo, has been elected general secre-

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tary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. He has served for the past three years as secretary of the American Mission to Lepers.

Rev. A. W. Littrell, pastor of the First church, Warsaw, Ind., has been elected president of the General Bible Conference Baptist group at Winona Lake.

Interesting! Press reports indicate that Rev. Peter Marshall of Washington, D. C., failed to get a call from the First Presbyterian church, Seattle, by a small margin because he is not a premillennarian.

Chicago and Illinois Baptists have launched new programs for this year. The Chicago Baptist program calls for "Loyalty," "Missions," and "Evangelism" to be promoted and was launched by 75 pastors in Chicago. The Baptist association of this city has elected Dr. Russell Orr, pastor of the First church, Quincy, Ill., as Director of Christian Education and the State Board has appointed Rev. Paul Smith of the First church, Carbondale, Ill., as District Secretary for Southern Illinois.

Miss Lottie Moon went to China as a missionary in 1873 under the Southern Baptist Board. The Baptist women of Georgia have unveiled a memorial to Miss Moon in the churchyard at Cartersville, Ga., where she was a member in early life and from which church she went to China.

Dr. Roy L. Smith of Los Angeles has become the editor of the new Methodist weekly which will serve Methodists of the nation. Dr. Donald H. Tippett of the Bexley Methodist church, Columbus, O., has succeeded Dr. Smith as pastor of the First Methodist church, Los Angeles.

The Christian Preaching Mission held in Kansas City was very successful, reaching the entire area with the Gospel message, covering evangelism, social action and religious education. More denominations participated than in any former effort, as well as labor groups, schools, chambers of commerce, service clubs and other groups.

Rev. G. Merrill Lenox, Minneapolis, reporting in Christian Century, states that the round table in the twin cities the past years "held 131 forums, reaching over 30,000 people, in addition to sponsoring 59 radio broadcasts and received 1,250 column inches of publicity." Mr. Paul Dobson was the local chairman.

The Norwegian Baptists of the United States have assumed responsibility for the missionary work of the Baptists of Norway which they have been carrying on in the Belgian Congo. In the past 22 years they sent out 18 missionaries, 9 of whom are now on the field.

Rev. R. Lloyd Pobst, formerly pastor of the East Cleveland Baptist church, and a graduate of Denison University and Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, has been inaugurated president of Rio Grande College. This school operates on the self-help principle.

President E. J. Millington of the Northern Convention took part in the Cleveland campaign for church attendance when he addressed an interdenominational rally of over 700 workers in the Euclid Avenue Baptist church. More than 10,000 selected workers visited in Cleveland homes.

President Gordon Palmer of Eastern Baptist Seminary on a recent trip across the continent had speaking engagements at the New Jersey Christian Endeavor Convention; Baptist Temple, Los Angeles; First Church, Pomona; Redlands University; the Southern California Convention; Hinson Memorial Church, Portland; Linfield College, Wheaton College, William Jewell College, Ottawa University, Oklahoma Baptist University and Bacone Indian College, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Dr. Charles Forbes Taylor and his party have just closed a city-wide evangelistic campaign at Pueblo, Colo., where Pastor C. Spurgeon McClung of the First Baptist church was chairman. The party went next to Jackson, Miss., and is now at Huntington, W. Va.

The Methodists of Illinois are seeking to secure for all their ministers a minimum salary of at least $1,000. To do this an "income tax" will be levied on all ministers who received more than $1,000 per year.

For the first time the award of the "National Order of the Cross," in Brazil has been awarded an American missionary. It was presented to Dr. Benjamin H. Hunnicutt of Sao Paulo, a Presbyterian missionary, by the governor of Sao Paulo in behalf of President Vargas of the Brazilian republic, for "services to education in Brazil."

The Pacific Garden Mission on South State street in Chicago has just celebrated its 63rd anniversary. It was here that Rev. William A. Sunday was converted. The mission was founded by Col. and Mrs. George R. Clarke who carried it on until Mr. Clarke's death in 1892, after which "Mother" Clarke continued until her death in 1918.

The North American committee of the World's Sunday School Association announces that the Congress will be held in Mexico next summer.

Dr. Weldon M. Wilson, pastor of the First Baptist church, Portland, Ore., who was one of the speakers at the Iowa and Nebraska conventions, has already received more than 150 new members on the goal of 400 this year. His evangelistic messages at these conventions were greatly appreciated.

The United Lutheran Church publicity committee reports that during a three months' period 45 newspapers in 16 states gave church publicity as follows: Roman Catholic 30,717 inches; Methodists 10,764 inches; Lutherans 10,177 inches; Presbyterians 9,188; Episcopalians 7,535; Baptists 6,710; Jewish 4,947 and all others 34,082 inches.

DEATHS

The call of the heavenly Father is constantly being heard and answered by the saints. During the past few weeks this call has been answered by Prof. R. V. Garrett, for many years chairman of the deacons and faithful member of the First church, Fremont, Nebr. . . . Dr. Arthur W. Cleaves, for 18 years pastor of the First church, Providence, R. I., . . . Rev. W. Thurston Gibbs, retired, Troy, N. Y. . . . Miss Lillian Wald, New York City, founder of Henry Street Settlement. . . Mrs. A. W. Littrell, wife of the pastor of the First church, Warsaw, Ind. . . Rev. Carl O. Graeber, 55, long time pastor of the Masten Park church, Buffalo, N. Y. . . .

And Rev. Melvin E. Trotter, Grand Rapids, Mich., noted evangelist for many years and founder of 67 missions. . . Rev. M. E. Willard, retired, Westbrook, Maine, formerly missionary in India. . . Rev. Malcolm James MacLeod, Bronxville, New York, formerly minister of the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas, New York City. . . . Gen. Ballington Booth, 83, Blue Point, Long Island, founder and commander of the Volunteers of America and commander of the Salvation Army. . . . Rev. Eben B. Cobb, Elizabeth, N. J., who was for 39 years pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, Elizabeth, N. J. . . .

And Dr. Glenn Frank, Madison, Wis., formerly a Methodist minister in Missouri and president of the University of Wisconsin. . . . Rev. Hugo Eisenlohr, 80, Cincinnati, more than 57 years a minister of the Unitarian church. . . . Rev. Thos. E. Babb, 99 years and 11 months, Holden, Mass. . . . Rev. A. H. Dunnett, Edinburgh, Scotland, secretary of home board of the Church of Scotland. . . . Rev. Geo. H. Brewer, Marseilles, Ill., ordained in 1892, formerly state secretary in Arizona, New Mexico and missionary in Mexico, Nicaragua, Salvador, Central and South America. . . . Dr. Frank Ritchie, New York City, executive secretary of American Committee for Christian Refugees. . . . Rev. James Herring, Milwaukee, executive secretary of the Wisconsin Baptist Convention. . . .

And Rev. Andrew Baird, professor emeritus of church history, Manitoba Theological College, who gave 60 years in the ministry to western Canada. . . . Alfred W. Shakespeare, London, many years on editorial staff of the Baptist Times of London and brother of Dr. J. H. Shakespeare, secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland. . . . Mrs. John C. Clough, retired missionary from the famous Telegu field, South India. . . . Dr. J. R. Crawford, Beloit, Wis., head of the department of Philosophy, Beloit College. . . . Mrs. Vedder, Washington, D. C., widow of Dr. Henry C. Vedder, formerly professor of church history in Crozer Seminary. . . . David H. Dugan, North Caldwell, N. J., noble layman. . . . Bishop Jashwant Rao Chitambar of India, Methodist and for many years president of Lucknow Christian College. May the memory of these saints of God linger long in the minds of those who knew and loved them as a blessed benediction.

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SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

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There is no doubt that the large majority of church workers realize that American youth goes fast and furiously after something and that if a religious program can be made to answer the recreational as well as the spiritual urge of the young people, it will enlist most of their time and energies. Many wise Southern Baptist pastors keep their young people during leisure hours so busy with constructive entertainment that they have no time nor inclination to indulge in dangerous past-times so enticingly advertised. Real scriptural and doctrinal training is not being sacrificed in order to carry out these recreational activities. For long years this obligation has been recognized and met but just during the past few years, and especially during recent months, has the church's obligation relative to youth's play time been definitely accepted.

Concerning Southern Baptist Schools

A study of "Who's Who" will settle any doubt as to the value of denominational colleges. The large per cent of the successful men and women of the United States received their training in religious schools, and most of them in small denominational colleges.

Southern Baptists are putting special stress on educational institutions in endowing them for permanency and in enlarging every phase of religious life on their campuses.

The Southwest, of course, and in some sections of the South, the movement to endow has just been underway for a few years. Southern Baptists up to now have had to put most of their time and effort on the founding of strategically located educational plants. But leaders of late have realized two things. It is endow or die, and endowment must be wisely secured and handled or in the financial stabilizing of the institution it will pass out of denominational hands. Texas Baptists have a Baptist Foundation which administers all Baptist endowment funds for the denominational institutions, and an endowment secretary who gives full time to the solicitation of such for orphanages, hospitals, schools and seminaries. As a consequence, endowments and trusts are being steadily built. Many wealthy people are anxious to give when they are convinced their money will do perpetual good.

Many changes have taken place on Baptist college campuses in the South—material, business, educational and religious during the past year. The stadium movement has subsided and in its place a well planned physical and health education program is being maintained in buildings constructed to meet real needs.

Reports from presidents and deans in almost 100 per cent of our 67 schools and colleges owned by Southern Baptists bring the information that higher scholarship is being required this year than last and that better methods of personnel administration including vocational guidance are being introduced. Surveys show that students who go from our Baptist schools to graduate schools in the East and North or to Oxford have taken first rank along with students from elsewhere.

Every division of our Christian educational program shows advancement. The comparative statistics show a gain of 2,064 students for the regular session of nine months over the previous year. Of this number of students 1,749 are enroled in Baptist academies; 7,601 in Junior Colleges; 17,581 in Senior Colleges and 1,647 in our theological seminaries. The largest actual gain is in the senior colleges. More than half our Baptist colleges maintain summer sessions. When the summer session enrolment of 5,885 is added to the regular session, the total enrolment for the year is 34,462, the largest number of students ever enroled in a single year in our Southern Baptist Colleges.

Southern Baptist Colleges have shown continued growth since the recovery from the depression. Among the larger institutions are Baylor University, Waco, Texas, with an enrolment of 3,152; Richmond University, Richmond, Va., 1,635; Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C., 1,082; Furman University, Greenville, S. C., 1,020; Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, 890; Howard College, Birmingham, Ala., 944; John B. Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., 847; etc. All our seminaries have recorded better enrolments than last year, totaling 1,646 men and women all training for the ministry, missionary work, or special religious education service. The largest Junior College is Stephens in Missouri, for women only, 1,642. Mars Hill College, N. C., holds second place with 780 students, and Virginia Intermont third place with 470.

The total endowment and property value of the 67 Baptist schools and colleges amount to $73,522,975.70. The University of Richmond, Va., leads with an endowment of $3,019,936.40. Wake Forest College is next with $2,284,548.57; Baylor University, Waco, Texas, is third with $2,275,000.00. Four other schools have somewhat more than a million endowment — Hardin-Simmons, Abilene, Texas; Oklahoma University, Shawnee, Okla.; Mercer University, and William Jewell College.

A Neglected Group

One phase of Christian education that has been neglected but is now receiving some consideration is nurses' training schools. Few people realize how much actual Christian education each young woman must have in order to be a graduate of a school of nursing affiliated with a Baptist hospital. She must have regular Bible courses, attend daily chapel services, take active part in practical religious work. At no other place in our whole religious education program is a young Baptist woman given a more splendid opportunity to serve Jesus Christ than as a nurse at the bedside of the sick.

Baptist Students Study Radio and Aviation

In practically all Southern Baptist universities broadcasting stations are in operation. Linking religion with every part of this modern world is one concern of Baptist students. They are putting religion into business and business into religion. Many a young pilot who got his or her "wings" on a Baptist college campus will influence countless others with a Christian life whether these contacts are made in commercial flying or in service for the government.

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NORTHERN BAPTISTS

By C. M. GALLUP

Now that the elections are over, we all shall have more time for our normal business; for while this writer was getting around a bit in various cities, he heard more discussion of politics by Baptists, in offices, elevators, and even in churches, than he ever heard before. He doubts not that many of our preachers took advantage of the opportunity to speak from the text: "Stand fast, therefore, in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free."

Baptist Stake in Present Political Matters

The foregoing has not been surprising, for Baptists have had, still have and always shall have a tremendous stake in personal liberty and in conscience-freedom, both religiously and politically; for their forerunners did the most to secure those benefits. Besides, Baptists, as much as anybody, realize that while contending earnestly for continued separation of church and state, political morality, like any morality, is always the concern of organized Christianity. "This is the law and the prophets." But what have Northern Baptists been doing about this?

De-facto Department of Political Scrutiny

In asking the foregoing question, we are not captious nor facetious; we are inductive. For already we have a startling **status quo.** Already the Northern Baptist Convention has a "Social Service" department authorized to expand into a "Council on Christian Social Pro-ress"; already we have a "Committee on Public Relations" concerned with the acts of our national government; already we have nearly 1000 "conscientious objectors" to military service registered in our Convention office; already the Executive Committee and the Committee on World Relief have been dealing with the refugee problem and have had two important conferences with Mr. Herbert Hoover about endorsement of his plan for feeding the starving millions in German-occupied areas of Europe; already we have had heavy correspondence with the Federal Council of Churches about all the aforesaid and related matters; and already our President, the Hon. E. J. Millington, has been asked to render judicial opinions on various matters connected with these affairs, in the name of the Convention. Believe it or not, like it or not, we are "bound in the bundle of life" with the mutual interests of mankind, political and social. This question arises: "If we are to continue so, are any of our groups charged with the consideration of such matters sufficiently representative and equipped and dignified to deal with and cope with responsibilities of this kind which may be thrust upon them?"

What About the Department of the Interior?

While the foregoing is taking the time and attention of some of our leaders, the very vital internal affairs of the denomination are receiving serious study and treatment. The Council on Finance and Promotion has its representatives on the field in effective assembly communication with thousands of churches, stimulating them for our united missionary work. The denominational literature issued to this end is better than ever. While the proposed effort to improve conditions in our denominational schools and colleges is seriously handicapped by the prolonged illness of Secretary-elect W. S. K. Yeaple, of the Board of Education, it has not bogged down; for the liaison committee of the General Council already proposed important measures which can be adopted soon. The Committee on Lay Workers Pensions has already found a way to make that plan effective shortly.

The Denomination Uniting in a "Quiet Hour"

The family devotional booklet known the "The Secret Place" is having an amazing popularity and distribution. From a few thousand, a year or two ago, its distribution is now about 150,000. Not only in homes and churches, but in various general assemblies, it is used for devotional leadership. Plans are afoot for improved and coordinated editorial policy. The Convention committee, the Publication Society and the denomination are to be congratulated on all this.

Wichita, Ahoy!

The denominational ship has its prow headed toward the "typical prairie state". Hence, perhaps that ship should be called a "prairie schooner"! However with apologies to Dr. Cress) we are not back in "covered wagon" days; and we predict a cavalcade of Fords and Plymouths and (a few) Cadillacs at and around Wichita, the ambitious city of Kansas. Corresponding Secretary Hazen already has spent some time in that city; and preparations agreed upon with the Local Committee are in the offing.

Our Pension Board Changes Pilots

Dr. Peter Clark Wright has retire from the Executive Secretaryship c The Ministers and Missionaries Benefi Board, after 14 years of splendid an effective service. A testimonial dinne was given in his honor, in New York November 19th, with the Board an other denominational leaders present Dr. Wright has been a challenging fig ure in denominational life for a genera tion. Great progress for this Board ha attended his leadership. He will remai Consultant of the Board. He is succeeded by Dr. M. Forest Ashbrook, his former assistant, who will bear the titl "Executive Director", and who has demonstrated clearly his qualifications fo this leadership.

"One Cometh and Another Goeth"

At Emmanuel Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., Rev. Wayland Zwayer, formerly pastor of the Jefferson Avenue Church, Detroit, has become the new pastor. This church is a union of Emmanuel, Marcy Avenue and Williamsburg Baptist Churches, with a membership of approximately 1400. The component churches have been served by notable denominational leaders such as Dr. John Humpstone, Dr. Avery A. Shaw, Dr. George A. Clarke, Dr. John M. Moore, Dr. Wilbur E. Saunders, Dr. Lord, and others, as their pastors. The church is united, with encouraging prospects. Secretary C. M. Gallup, of the Convention, has been supplying this church in the interim, in a very happy relationship.

The historic First Baptist Church, of Providence, R. I., has suffered the loss of its pastor, Dr. Arthur W. Cleaves, who died suddenly on October 12th. He was editor of "The Baptist" before accepting the pastorate in Providence, in 1922. Dr. Cleaves assisted vigorously the maintenance of the strong ties between this oldest Baptist Church in American, Brown University, and the city of Providence. He was, for a time, president of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, and a trustee of Andover-Newton Theological School; and carried many other honors. He was deeply interested in Baptist History. This important post, held by Dr. Cleaves for 18 years, will be difficult to fill.

STATE NEWS

OKLAHOMA
By RUPERT NANEY, D.D.
Oklahoma City

Dr. Elmer Ridgeway who since the first of September has been campaigning as the Director of a Budget Completion movement has just completed a canvass of the state. He and Secretary Potter are very hopeful of achieving full triumph. The Baptist Convention of Oklahoma will convene in Tulsa on the 12th of November. Secretary Potter is very hopeful that he will be able to report that the budget objective for the year now ending has been fully reached. In that case, the Convention debts shall all have been paid.

Dr. Charles E. Wilbanks, erstwhile pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ardmore, has accepted the call of the church at Stillwater and is removing to that promising field.

Dr. J. Howard Williams, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Amarillo, Texas, has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, to become its pastor. He expects to come upon the field about the first of December.

Dr. Williams leaves one of the greatest churches in America. Its plant is unsurpassed, its membership is above three thousand (3,000), its budget both for missions and for local work is large and its Sunday School attendance ranks about third in the Southern Baptist Convention. However, the First Church here to which he comes is by its roster the second largest church numerically within the Southern Baptist Convention. The writer has sometimes said that potentially the First Church of Oklahoma City is as great a church as he ever knew. All of us in Oklahoma look forward to fine fellowship with Dr. Williams. Before his going to Amarillo six years ago, Dr. Williams had been for several years the Executive Secretary of Texas Baptists. He succeeds Dr. W. R. White that mental titan who a few months ago went to the presidency of Howard-Simmons University.

The churches of Oklahoma City are enjoying great prosperity. It refreshes one's spirit to be present at the large pastor's conferences each Monday morning and hear the reports of the churches; reports of large attendances upon the services and many accessions to the churches. Moreover, they are building! The Trinity Baptist Church is just now finishing an addition to its plan of an education building and an enlargement of the auditorium. The Immanuel Church is also adding a building to its educational equipment and at the same time supplying the auditorium with more equipment. The Olivet Baptist Church is in the process of constructing a great educational plant and installing a large new organ.

Dr. T. P. Haskins, Associate Secretary of the Oklahoma Baptist Convention, has declined the invitation of Louisiana Baptists to become their Executive Secretary. All of us in Oklahoma are rejoicing that he will remain with us notwithstanding the great opportunity that awaited him in the fine state of Louisiana.

GEORGIA
By A. B. HAWKES, Thomaston

The 119th annual session of the Georgia Baptist Convention meets in Macon Nov. 12-14. Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, of Atlanta, is President and Dr. B. D. Ragsdale, of Macon, is Secretary. Dr. Frederick S. Porter, of Columbus, is to preach the Convention sermon.

The Rev. T. M. Callaway, of Wadley, has retired after 50 years active ministry. He will reside in Moultrie.

The Rev. W. J. Howard, of Wrens, died Oct. 4, after serving as pastor of churches in the State for forty-nine years. His funeral was conducted by his four preacher sons.

A Memorial Marker to Miss Lottie Moon was dedicated at the First Church, Cartersville, Oct. 7, the 67th anniversary of her arrival in a Chinese port to begin her great missionary work in China.

Recently, the Druid Hills Training Union, Atlanta, had 720 present, while on a previous Sunday the Kirkwood Union, Atlanta, had 613 present.

Dr. R. C. Gresham, pastor of the First Church, Moultrie for the past 12 years, has been called to the pastorate of the First Church, DeLand, Fla.

Dr. Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, delivered two addresses during the 133rd annual session of the Baptist Convention of the State of New York held at Oswego the latter part of October.

Mr. Troy D. Woodbury, of Atlanta, has recently moved to Nashville, Tenn. where he is serving as the Supt. of the Mailing and Shipping Dept. of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Gifts by Georgia Baptists during the first nine months of 1940 show an increase of $39,443.95 over the corresponding period of 1939.

NEW HAMPSHIRE
By John Watson, Laconia

Rev. E. Noyes Stevens, pastor at Gonic since 1937, concluded his pastorate Sept. 1st. Rev. E. B. Tetley of Sanborton Bay, has accepted a call to the Gonic Church.

A service of thirteen years was concluded on August 27th when the Rev. C. B. Fisher left Hudson.

Another service of the same duration was terminated when Rev. William J. Wilson left Newton Junction for Hermitage, N. Y.

Rev. George Currier formerly of Campton, has accepted the pastorate of the Meredith Church.

On the 30th of June the church in New Durham of which Mr. R. J. Bracey is pastor celebrated the 160th birthday of the Freewill Baptist Connexion. Interest centered around the life of the founder Rev. Benjamin Randall. Rev. C. Raymond Chappell, State Secretary brought an inspiring address on the life of Randall. In the near future our denomination will produce in pamphlet form this work of our Secretary. Other speakers were Dr. Nathan R. Wood of Gordon College, Boston and Rev. Leland Maxfield of Milton.

The New Hampshire Ministers held their annual retreat on the campus of Colby Junior College on September 10th to 13th. The principal speakers were Dr. Hilda Ives of Andover Newton Seminary, Dr. Gaius Glenn Atkins, author and former professor of Homiletics at Auburn Theological Seminary, and Dr. Richard Buker, M.D. of China. All messages were inspiring and helpful and four profitable days were spent on the hill-top.

The Woman's United Baptist Mission Society of New Hampshire held its annual house party on the same site. The speakers for the occasion were, Dr. Richard Buker, M.D. of China, Miss Ester Palacios, of Puerto Rico, Miss Esther Marstaller from India, Miss Janet McKay of New York and Rev. W. J. Setzer of Manchester, N. H.

The anniversaries of the New Hampshire United Baptist Convention were held on October 1 and 2 at Derry, N. H. There was a large attendance of delegates and an inspiring program was presented. The speakers were Dr. Grady D. Reagan of Boston, Mass., Miss Elsie Kappen of New York, Rev. M. Forest Ashbrook, New York, Miss Pearl Rosser, Philadelphia, Professor J. Duane Squires of New London, N. H., and Rev. Randolph L. Howard, D.D., New York.

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CALIFORNIA

By R. A. Lundy, San Francisco

The 88th annual state convention of Northern California has come and gone. Meeting with the First Baptist Church of San Francisco, September 30 to October 3rd, the biggest event of our church year was marked by a fine spirit of harmony and unity of purpose. Contributions to the program were made by "native son" pastors and by nationally known and otherwise prominent pastors. Among the latter were Dr. G. Pitt Beers, Miss Hazel Shank, Dr. Lewis M. Hale, Missionary J. H. Telford of Burma. Elected moderator was the Reverend Cecil T. Axworthy, Vallejo. Welcomed to the state in a large group of new pastors and missionary workers was Dr. Ambrose Bailey, formerly of Lowell, Mass., now of Willows, Calif.

The enactment of the conscription law has called many California young men from our churches to the colors. With army posts, naval bases and aviation fields dotting the California coast hardly a church has not missed one or more of its young men who will spend a year or more in government service.

At least one Baptist pastor has answered the appeal for a thousand chaplains which recently was made through the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. Rev. W. V. Morgan, for ten years pastor at Monterey, has become army chaplain at Ford Ord.

Dr. Frank E. Eden, area director of evangelism, will return to Berkeley in November. Dr. A. Avery Shaw, formerly president of Denison University, now resides in Berkeley.

The October meeting of the Bay Cities ministerial council heard Dr. Stanley Armstrong Hunter, pastor of St. Johns Presbyterian Church, Berkeley, speak on "The Pastor and the Community."

COLORADO

By Clarence W. Kemper

First Church, Arvada, Harvey R. Nelson, pastor, has enjoyed a recent series of evangelistic meetings under direction of Adrian E. Roberts.

First Church, Littleton, Marlan D. Price, pastor, shows increasing interest and growth in all departments. Attendance in school is almost doubled over last year and undertaking the "Church School Advance" program.

Ward C. Morrison of Pueblo, reports that their church has recently enjoyed a revival, with sixteen new accessions to the church membership. Financially the church advances and missions is taking a larger place.

Beth Eden Church, Denver, Sam Bradford, pastor, carried a high level of summertime school average of 397; 51 new members since May 1; baptized 19 on a recent Sunday; morning worship attendance of 400 and evening 300; more than 100 attendance at Bethany Chapel.

First Church, Olathe, C. S. Bourns, pastor has had recent accessions of 66 new members with fifty of them by baptism; church school averages 150; Sunday school building is under construction to care for increasing program.

First Church, Durango, Aaron Schlessmann, pastor, has recently entertained the State Convention. Cost of redecorating the church building exceeded $500.00. Young people are planning a forward movement.

First Church, Monte Vista, Rufus Keyser, pastor, has recently come on the field from Delta, the former pastorate which made fine recognition of them as they removed to the new field.

First Church, Limon, Arthur Bigelow, pastor, report improvement in church property, an increased giving to missions, growth in B.Y.P.U., and looking forward to a great rally of young people to be held here October 18, 19.

Bethel Memorial Church, Denver, Edward S. Freeland, pastor, embarks upon the program of the Church School Advance, planning for Visitation Evangelism program, 289 were in Sunday School on Rally Day, annex always required for morning worship, new people are constantly seen among us.

First Church, Fort Morgan, D. J. Evans, pastor, begins a three months Church Loyalty Convenant. World Communion Sunday witnessed an offering of $15.00 for World Relief. Missionary and Evangelistic outlook are bright with service extending to Adena Community where pastor and people serve.

Clarence W. Kemper gave the 75th anniversary address before the West Virginia Baptist Convention, October 16, and the Keynote and Banquet addresses before the Baptist Young People's Convention of Nebraska at Lincoln October 19.

Religious Emphasis Week was observed at Colorado Woman's College, October 14-18, with Rev. F. B. Moseley of our First Church, Madison, Wisconsin as leader.

The Colorado Baptist Convention in its recent annual meeting at Durango did the fine and appropriate thing by electing a layman, Mr. Robert E. Harvey, a member of the First Church of Denver as president for the coming year.

Sacramento River Baptist Associatio News Letter

Rev. Harry A. Kern, Orland, Reporter

On Thursday evening at 7 o'clock, October 24th, the first of 134 Churcl Officers and Leaders Conferences of th North Baptist Convention was held i the banquet rooms of the First Baptis church, Chico, Dr. L. C. Morony, pastor Of the 17 churches in the area, 14 were represented with 11 pastors present. The quota of officers and leaders for the area was 68. However 79 officers and leaders were present, with a grand total including the visitors, the discussion team and friends of 128. Dr. Luther Wesley Smith, Ex-Secretary of the A. B. P. Society, led the discussions. He was assisted by Dr. C. W. Gawthrop, Ex-Secretary of N. C. B. Convention Dr. L. C. Morony, Chico, Dr. Ambrose Bailey, pastor of First Baptist church, Willows, representing the pastors, Mrs. Geo. Thomas, president Women's Society, N. C. B. Convention, Mrs. W. S. Kilpatrick. Women of Sacramento River Baptist Association, Chas. R. Cook, the men and Mrs. Dorland Dryer, Young people.

At the annual meeting of the Association ministers on Thursday 6:15, October 24th, at Chico, Dr. Ambrose Bailey was elected president and Rev. J. F. Blodgett, secretary. Rev. John Winter, pastor of the First Baptist church of Corning, has been the active and successful president for the past year.

DR. IVAN MURRAY ROSE HONORED

On October 24th, the First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, honored their pastor, Dr. Ivan Murray Rose with a Banquet in recognition of his fifteen years of ministry there. Dr. W. S. Abernethy of Calvary Church, Washington, was the special speaker, and tributes were given by three former assistants, Revs. Paul Humphreys of Hightstown, N. J., Eugene M. Austin of Tioga, Philadelphia, and Leon Robison, Jr., of Woodstown, N. J. Mr. John L. Clayton, President of the Trustees and Mrs. H. Childs Hodgens, of the Women's Auxiliary, presented Dr. Rose with a very substantial check, and Mrs. Rose with a set of travelling bags. Mr. Bruce McGraw of Crozer Seminary, the present assistant, was, with his wife, presented to the congregation. Another special feature of the Banquet was the citation to Deacon Benjamin G. Weston who has rendered the Church notable service in that office for the past 32 years.

CHURCH FAMILY PLAN

By M. J. McPike
Helena, Montana

IT may not have been a very orthodox Baptist procedure but the Finance Board of the First Baptist Church of Helena, Montana, Rev. M. J. McPike, pastor, undertook to tell each member of the church, including the pastor, exactly how much he or she should give to the current expense budget and to the raising of the church debt for the year starting May 1st. The plan did not work one hundred per cent but the members of the board lived to tell the tale, and not only were there no "kick-backs" but the people actually liked the plan and want to use it next year.

It all started with the pastor asking the six members of the Finance Board if they would be willing for him to suggest how much they should give to current expenses and the debt for the coming year provided that the pastor would allow the Board to suggest the amounts of his pledge. After several weeks of mixed skepticism and deliberation this was agreed upon and the pastor submitted the suggested amounts to the board members. These amounts turned out to be from forty to two hundred per cent more than the individual men gave last year and when they were opened one man almost swallowed his cigar and another turned red and purple and could not speak for four minutes but when he did recover his voice he gave out that he thought the pastor "certainly did have a lot of nerve" — which statement the pastor did not know whether to take as a compiment or not. After considerable discussion, however, every man accepted his amounts and then proceeded, with considerable enthusiasm, to fix the amounts the pastor should give. This required fully thirty minutes, the pastor meanwhile cooling his heels in another room, but finally this history making event was over and the pastor meekly accepted the verdict.

At the next business meeting of the Church the Finance Board told what it had done and asked permission to suggest amounts for each family in the church, which amounts were to be submitted to the people just before Pledge Sunday. After securing the approval of the Church the Board set about fixing amounts which seemed reasonable and just for each family to give as their fair share of the total financial obligations of the Church. In fixing these amounts the Board took four things into consideration: the need of the Church; the probable financial ability of the family in question, the amount the family gave last year, and the apparent interest the family took in the Church — or rather, the family's probable willingness to give.

This new plan was named "The Church Family Plan" and in order to create interest in it and get information concerning the finances of the Church before the people, five "Church Family Meetings" were arranged in five homes on the same night. The ninety-two resident families in the Church were divided alphabetically into five groups and were invited to attend these meetings. The meetings, of course, were well advertised and everything possible was done to get the people out. A Board member was placed in charge of each meeting and he was well supplied with charts and data concerning the financial condition and needs of the Church. The leader presented all the facts and led the discussion and everyone was given an opportunity to ask questions or to present opinions. Much interest was manifested and the meetings turned out to be very enjoyable affairs. At the close of the meetings the leaders produced sealed envelopes containing the amounts the Board had suggested that each family give during the coming year. It was plainly stated that these envelopes would only be given to those who asked for them. All but three families attending the meetings asked for their envelopes and forthwith proceeded to open them on the spot which developed into a kind of game — each watching to see how his neighbor would respond to the shock! Some confessed to feeling a little dizzy but no casualties were reported! A three-page information sheet describing in detail the financial condition of the Church and the "Church Family Plan" was given each family to take home and read at their leisure. These sheets were also sent out the next morning to all families not represented at the meetings.

The following Sunday was Pledge Sunday and all were asked to make their pledges during a special part of the church service. Those who did not attend the service were visited that afternoon by the canvassers in the usual way. The canvassers took with them the remaining sealed envelopes which had not yet been given out and gave the families an opportunity to ask for their envelope before signing the pledge card. By leaving the family to actually ask for their suggested amounts the Board could not be accused of dictating to anyone. If a family "asked for it" they got it! The Board relied upon the well-known curiosity of the women to do the trick!

Results? Nothing startling but the Board was well pleased. All but eighteen of the ninety-two families asked for their suggested amounts. Most of these eighteen families never made a pledge before but this year thirteen of them actually made pledges even though they did not ask for their amounts and two made higher pledges than their suggested amounts called for. Which should be a solemn warning to all in the future to ask for their envelope! While only eighteen families pledged as much as the Board suggested that they should, all but eight families that pledged last year did increase their pledges for this year, thus coming nearer to the amounts the Board thought their fair share than they did a year ago. And four of the eight families that did not increase their pledges were already giving as much as the Board thought they should. Most important of all, thirty families pledged this year who did not pledge last year. Altogether, seventy per cent more was pledged for current expenses than was pledged last year, and a very considerable amount was pledged for the Church debt.

The Board discovered that most people not only do not object but eagerly welcome suggested amounts to guide them in pledging. Not one word of criticism of the plan has been heard. The fact that the six members of the Board all accepted their exact amounts before making out amounts for the others helped to make the plan succeed. And it was also wise to have the Church formally approve of the plan before it was worked out in detail. Suggested amounts were not made for giving to benevolences and as a probable result the total amount pledged to benevolences was practically the same as last year. The Board is strongly considering making suggested amounts for this item next year as well as for current expenses and the debt.

While the spiritual results cannot of course be measured they perhaps exceed the material gain. For one thing, this plan gives people the feeling that as individual families working together in a larger "Church Family" they are doing together a real piece of work for their Master. A deepening of interest and a quickening of spiritual fervor has been very noticeable, especially among those who pledged the amounts suggested for them and lead others to do the same.

THE CHALLENGE OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY

By GEORGE E. JAQUES
Lyndon Center, Vt.

The challenge of anything is the raising of an obstacle that defies its progress. Goliath challenged the Israelites, that is he opposed their progress defying, taunting, daring them to come on and be beaten. In the town and country, we are defied, taunted and dared to come on and break ourselves upon a number of Goliaths.

What opportunities face us in the town and country today?

In the first place to me, who was born and brought up in the city, the opportunity we face is to deal with human beings as individuals, not as gangs, or robots, or mobs, masses or groups or even as congregations, but as individuals. To some this is an obstacle, to others of us it is an opportunity. I do not know what you folks thought of it, when the evangelist at the Northern Baptist Convention told us that if we could only preach to fifty people, that was all right, but if we could preach to five hundred people and refused to do so, that was all wrong. Personally, as I heard him say this, I knew that right here was the fundamental basis for approach between the city and the country. He was so logical that any of us who have had college and theological school training, who have, shall I say, good voices and the other equipment necessary for a preacher and are not possessed of a sense of inferiority that we are not good enough for the city have to justify to ourselves and others our insistence on staying in the country. Where is the opportunity in the country in the face of the opportunities of the city?

City Handicaps

I have lived in the city, and I know a little bit about cities, and I take off my hat to anyone who goes to the city to do a work in the name of Christ. In the city, however, you are handicapped from the start. You may start out by singing "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" and so on, but in spite of yourself you go not to your New Testament for your standards of service, but the standards of the city all about you creep in and your standards become those of size and quantity and a man is rated not by Jesus' standard of greatness, but by the size of his church plant, the budget, the number of members and the number of baptisms last year. I never cease to get inspiration from the story of the old Scottish preacher. You know it. He had just been told by his board that he must leave. The congregations had dwindled and only one person and that a child had joined the church in the last year. The old man went out into the church yard and walked with bowed head among the tombs of those who had gone before him, wishing that he were there with them, when a boy touched his arm and said, "Please sir, I'd like to talk to you about becoming a missionary." It was the boy whom he had baptized, Bobby Moffatt, who became the first modern missionary to go to Africa. There is no evangelist living who can compute the Kingdom of God in terms of the multitudes to whom he preaches so that he can have any right to feel that he is doing a greater job than that old Scottish preacher. God ever confounds the might of the mighty, the wisdom of the wise and the strength of the strong. Preachers who become intoxicated by their own words are not least in the group whom God humbles. The race is not to the strong or the swift, but to the one who is faithful. "It is not by might, nor power, but by my spirit saith the Lord."

Jesus steered clear of this temptation. Again and again he got away from the temptation of the crowds and withdrew with his disciples to a desert place. He preached one of the greatest sermons recorded to one single lone woman and she an outcast by race and by her immoral living. Again and again we must come back to the story of the Good Shepherd and one lone sheep, and we must not forget the ninety and nine. In the country, this is possible. To some it may seem a handicap to deal with small groups and individuals, to others it will be an opportunity.

Greater Opportunity

In the second place, we have a greater opportunity to train boys and girls in Christian character. In the country, the church still holds, in spite of its loss in effectiveness, a higher place in the life of the community. In the city, what is the church? Only one of a great many institutions competing for the interests of the people. Within the last year I went into two different cities in Vermont. They were not very large compared with other cities of the nation, but in each case, in Burlington and Rutland, I was just one block away from the church without knowing it and in each instance the garage man whom I asked did not know where the Baptist church was. You are certain in the country not to have that experience, unless you came upon a complete stranger to the community. You do have to reach past the indifference of parents and children to get the children. But when you show that you really are concerned and go out after them, you are likely to get results, and surprising as it may seem you will get numbers too. (In our own four vacation schools this summer we had an enrollment of 301 and an average attendance of 250.)

The importance of getting the children in the country is that they are your future leaders, not only of the country but of the city. Dr. O. E. Baker of the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics in Washington, tells us that at the present rate of reproducing itself the urban middle class will be about wiped out in one hundred years. Our cities must constantly be replenished from the country. If we could get them in the country for the church, you would have them when they go to the city, and so the challenge of the town and country is changed to the opportunity to train the leaders of tomorrow.

Cooperate with God

In the third place, this challenge means the opportunity to cooperate with God, the God of nature, the God of growth, who is revealed all around us in all growing things, and whose desire is to work in us and through us and all His children that we may grow into Christlike character. When you go out into the country where you are made to think of the words of the hymn, "where every prospect pleases and only man is vile"—God is at work in nature. Jesus started out his ministry by saying "the spirit of the Lord is upon me." When we allow God to work through us to redeem His children, we are cooperating with Him. In the country we know something of the law of growth. There is a difference between the growth of a seed into a plant and the manufacture of an automobile. A human soul is a living organism and not a mechanism, and the Kingdom of God is likewise a living organism —like a leaven or a tiny mustard seed which grows.

In the last analysis, then, we are faced with an opportunity to cooperate with God in laying a foundation of a new society, a new civilization, a new city if you please, with the tree of life in the center and where the sun is not hidden by sky scrapers and smoke stacks, and where the threat of destruction from the sky is not in constant attendance.

We conclude with the words of President Hyde—

"Creation's lord we give thee thanks
That this thy world is incomplete,
That battle calls our marshaled ranks,
That work awaits our hands and feet."

WHY PEOPLE DON'T GO TO CHURCH

By WILL H. MUSTON
Fruita, Colorado

There is no question but that all our churches would be filled every Sunday if the majority of church members and those who once "joined" would attend.

But one of the main reasons why they don't go is found with the ministers themselves. This fault is set forth by Channing Pollock in an article, "Why I Don't Go to Church" reprinted in October Reader's Digest from the American Mercury. The fault is this: Dry and uninteresting ministers who do not take an interest in the problems of their people.

The story is going around in this section that a lady talking to a visitor about her pastor said: "You know, we sure do think a great deal of our minister. He is a gentleman and a scholar. But he can dive the deepest, stay under the longest and come up the dryest of any preacher we ever had."

But all the trouble cannot be laid at the minister's door. The members should frankly be told of their duties and responsibilities.

There are at least eight reasons why people do not go to church, according to a survey made in the Mansion in Flushing, N. Y. The Advertising Club of the Lutheran Church just completed an extensive survey throughout the North Shore of Queens area, and here are the replies tabulated:

Twenty-three per cent want Sunday for themselves and their families.

Twenty-one per cent state that they do not go because of the unfriendly people they find.

Fifteen per cent stay away because they find the sermons uninteresting.

The other forty-one per cent do not attend because of various and sundry reasons which cannot be given for lack of space.

I believe the main trouble according to this survey, which says that twenty-three per cent want Sundays for themselves, is that people have more concern for their social and physical needs than for the spiritual. In other words it is simply indifference concerning religious matters, at least on the part of this twenty-three per cent.

The remedy for this indifference may be found in the next reason for non-attendance, that they do not go because of the unfriendly and unconcerned people they find.

Entirely too many people who do attend church are looking for friends instead of being friendly. But if the "regulars" would show themselves friendly with every "irregular" who drops in, and then would go out and get acquainted with him and talk to him in his home or shop about the joys of church life, there would be a decided pickup in attendance. This unfriendly attitude is quite prevalent even in the once hospitable West, and should be remedied if a church ever expects to fulfill its mission in a community.

I have served a number of churches in the South, North and West, and have attended church in the East, and my experience has been that the three reasons sketched above are the main ones. And the minister holds the key to the situation. He either makes or unmakes a church despite the fact that there is a general indifference to church-going.

The minister can help the church-goers to be friendly, he can organize his forces for work and service, he can make a decided improvement in his preaching; yet, this is almost an impossible task unless he has had proper schooling for his calling.

If so much depends on the ministers how much depends on the church or denomination to see that only men fit for the ministry are admitted, and then adequately trained for their job. When this is done we will begin to get somewhere on the road to a real revival we hear and read so much about. And let us not forget that it is, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

UNIVERSAL BIBLE SUNDAY

Universal Bible Sunday, which this year will be observed on December 8, has in recent years become one of the popular observances of the church year. It lays an emphasis upon an aspect of Kingdom work that finds endorsement in every denomination. All Christian groups use the same Bible. The date has grown out of the fact that the second Sunday in Advent, which always falls on the first or second Sundays of December, has for some centuries been the day when the Church of England, the Episcopal Church, and other liturgical bodies have eulogized the Word of God. Ordinarily, it has been found an acceptable date in most churches, because it follows the December Communion, and is early enough to avoid conflict with the Christmas celebration.

To a greater extent than ever before, Universal Bible Sunday this year will receive wide general publicity, which will contribute to its usefulness to every local congregation. In addition to letters of endorsement from national and state sources the great network of religious programs of the day will make mention of it; and the popular "Wings Over Jordan" program of the Columbia Broadcasting System will on that morning be entirely devoted to the celebration.

HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Homecoming was a gala event on October 26th. Alumni came from six states. The football game with Hope College was a tie, 6-6. Dean Mitchell of Hammond, Indiana, was toastmaster. Orvas Beers spoke for the student body and E. Ross Adair of Fort Wayne, Indiana, gave the main address of the evening. There were many special gatherings and luncheons and the interest of all was very high. The state meeting of the Michigan Sociological Society and the state meeting of the Michigan Psychological Association met here on succeeding days early in November. It is the first time these groups, which usually meet at the University of Michigan or Michigan State College, have ever gone to one of the smaller colleges. The college was glad to be hosts to them.

The Eternal Goodness

I know not what the Future hath
  Of marvel or surprise,
Assured alone that life and death
  His mercy underlies.

And if my heart and flesh are weak
  To bear an untried pain,
Thy bruised reed He will not break,
  But strengthen and sustain.

And so beside the Silent Sea
  I wait the muffled oar;
No harm from Him can come to me
  On ocean or on shore.

I know not where His islands lift
  Their frounded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
  Beyond His love and care.

O brothers! if my faith is vain,
  If hopes like these betray,
Pray for me that my feet may gain
  The sure and safer way.

And Thou, O Lord! by whom are seen
  Thy creatures as they be,
Forgive me if too close I lean
  My human heart on Thee!

—John Greenleaf Whittier.

For and About Women . . . by Mabelle Rae LeGrand

INA E. BURTON

Miss Ina E. Burton, much beloved by many of our churches in the Northern Baptist Convention during the years of her service as Field Secretary for our Council of Finance and Promotion, has entered a new field of service. She is now Rev. Ina E. Burton, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lake Geneva, Wis. Her ordination took place this last summer and she is doing a very effective work. Among other things she led her people to offer the use of the church building to the summer Jewish visitors. Every Saturday night for two months there was a devout and dignified Jewish service for congregations that numbered more than one hundred and fifty. The merchants of the city were glad to do business with the Jewish tourists but it was the Baptist Church people who cared about their religious life. This is real missionary service in that community.

Mrs. E. B. Pease of Glasgow, Montana, daughter of Dr. Samuel Zane Batten, has just relinquished the presidency of Montana Baptist Women but is still busy with the department of literature. In addition she says, "Following father's teaching, I am now State President of the W.C.T.U." The interests of parents usually have an effect on the lives of their children.

At the State Convention of Iowa held in Council Bluffs in October, Iowa women gave honor and gifts to Mrs. F. R. Asquith, devoted president of the Woman's State Organization for many years. The new president has been promoted from her position of Christian friendliness chairman, so Mrs. Sam T. Shumate of Davenport brings to her new task much knowledge of the State and of the business of the board. Something new happened at this convention for Iowa and Nebraska women held their banquet together. The women of each State sang their own songs and then they sang together in good fellowship and later listened to Miss Hazel Shank, foreign secretary of the W.A.B.F.M.S. The next chapter for Iowa women is the revision of the constitution of the Woman's State Society. A committee is already at work on this important task.

Mrs. Lewis Milam of Charleston, West Virginia, has been moved up from first vice-president to president of the West Virginia Woman's State Society. Evidently she has been in training without knowing it.

For the first time in many years the president of Pennsylvania women comes from the western part of the State, Mrs. George A. Leopold of Wilkinsburg. During the autumn months she has been visiting the western associations, and Mrs. Harry R. Moyer of Philadelphia, the first vice-president visited the Eastern groups. They travelled by car and took with them other board members to speak of the departments.

Beginning Thursday, Sept. 26 the seven associations in Vermont held their annual meetings. Each day after luncheon the men and women met separately for an hour before the afternoon sessions, for separate forums. At the women's forums, an effort was made to arouse enthusiasm for the year's program in all its phases. Especial emphasis was laid this year on the three score and ten anniversary plans of the W.A.B.F.M.S. Ample opportunity was given for open discussion of local problems. These meetings have proved to be of very real value in bringing officers and local women together—so says the efficient president, Mrs. John L. Selden of Bristol.

Mrs. Oscar Lienau of Detroit succeeds Mrs. G. H. Orcutt as president of the Michigan women. It is evident that Baptist women do believe seriously in rotation of office. Mrs. Orcutt says, "I have been serving three years and felt a change would not only rest me but be most helpful." Friends of Mrs. Orcutt rejoice with her in the appointment of her daughter Esmah to the position of Children's Worker in West Virginia. Once more let us say, "Train up a child . . ."

Illinois state leaders constitute a "Caravan" Party and tour the State in the Fall, taking the year's projects and plans to places in the State easily accessible to Baptist women. Areas are rather large, since the tour is taken in a week but women flock to the meetings, knowing that the days will be filled with informal but informational and inspiring presentations, with ample opportunity for questions and conferences. They try through the Caravan to reach as many lay women as possible and through the house party to help the leadership group especially. Mrs. R. A. Chandler as State President leads the Caravan about the State.

Mrs. Frank Rector of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, sends the following news from her State. "Four Board meetings at First Baptist Church, Providence are partly planned. Besides the projects, to which we must, perforce, give much time, Mrs. Needham is promoting a Young Matron's Missionary Group to bridge the chasm between the Woman's Society and the Guild. We plan a banquet in the winter with speaker from New York and we have a fine young woman to further this important work."

"One plan that our student councillor evolved is 'Mystery Mothers' for our churches. We used it in First Church, Pawtucket last year. College students are enthusiastic over it. A woman takes the name of a student away at school, sends a monthly greeting of whatever nature she likes, a card for birthday, Easter and Christmas. At the end of the year the leader in our church gave a party at her home at which both mystery mothers and children were present and the students learned for the first time who had been sending them reminders that the church had not forgotten them. My 'son' at William Jewell was so thrilled that the boys in his dorm tried to put the idea in their respective churches. We have twenty-five away studying this year."

While Mrs. L. E. Wilson, of Des Moines, Iowa, was busy at Kingdom Business at The State Convention (as she always is) she was made a member of the Board of Managers for the women but also was put on The State Convention Board, we need more women with her energy and her fine helpful spirit.

The Executive Committee of the Michigan Woman's Society meets the first Tuesday of each month to listen to reports from the ten secretaries and the officers as well as to transact business. These women are most effective and efficient.

Mrs. George Thomas of Alameda, California, is the new president of Southern California, succeeding Mrs. A. R. Heron. Her fertile brain is always busy and in a later issue we hope to publish some of her ideas for opening gift boxes. She had a special honor in the State Convention program in being asked to speak for the women, and much of what she said may be found elsewhere in this department. It is good reading, indeed.

Another new State President is Mrs. R. R. Mitchell of Indianapolis who now takes the leadership of Indiana women. She has already been president of the Indiana Council of Church Women. Mrs. H. R. Drake, Secretary of the Woman's Society not only pays a fine tribute to the incoming president but expresses appreciation for the fine service of Mrs. P. J. Mann who found it

SEND YOUR NEWS!

The editor of this page had hoped to have a complete report for all our house parties so that all might share the new ideas of other parties. Not all states have reported as yet and this is an urgent request to all to let us hear at once. These news items are of great interest to women of many states and it is hoped that each state president will appoint a woman to keep us informed of the events in each state that especially concern women. Many women are writing special services for various events that might well be shared with other states. Will you not send all kinds of news and suggestions to Mrs. Abram Legrand, 311 Prospect Ave., Beaver Dam, Wisconsin?

Are you thinking "three score and ten" these days? Do not forget what the special over and above gifts will accomplish. Here is one of the projects for dear war-torn China.

First in Healing

Baptist women were among the first to give medical aid to South China. Their doctors and nurses at Scott-Thresher Memorial Hospital, Kakchieh, and Bixby General Hospital, Kityang, show amazing strength as they work amidst bombings and invading armies. The care of war-wounded and refugees is a constant strain on an inadequate staff and equipment. Brave Chinese women evangelists also need an American missionary to travel with them "over torn-up highways and rocky by-ways on a mission of good will for Christ and the people of South China." Can you send a nurse and an evangelist at once?

Complete Project $11,700

Likewise you must be getting the two dramatic presentations for the sixtieth anniversary of the training school. They are most attractive and are entitled, "The Search", a pageant by Amy Warder Osgood, and also a playlet, "The Silver Service" by the same author. A special program is also available by writing to the B.M.T.S. Keep talking about it.

HURRICANE DAMAGE TO MATHER SCHOOL. The hurricane which swept thru Beaufort late in September caused some damage. Windows were broken, some shingles destroyed on roof of one of the buildings, chimney on Coleman Hall blew down causing damage to the roof and rain blew in thru open windows. Reconstruction work is under way. Most of the damage was covered by insurance.

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necessary to retire at this time. "While Mrs. Mann could have served another year she has been forced into retirement at the close of her fourth year because of illness in her home. She has served very capably for four years and before that time served as president of the East Central District. There has been a marked growth in the society under her gracious leadership. Mrs. O. B. Sarber, Devotional Life Secretary, is leaving with her family to make her home in California. She has served untiringly in this state for a number of years, once as State President. This gracious and devoted personality will be missed from among us and we covet for her real happiness in her new home. Mrs. J. N. A. Downey, Bloomfield will succeed her."

"Mrs. I. G. Blake was elected vice-president; Mrs. C. C. Browne, South Bend, Missions vice-president; Mrs. H. R. Drake, Terre Haute, secretary; Mrs. James Overtree, treasurer. Mrs. P. J. Mann was appointed parliamentarian and Mrs. L. C. Trent, historian."

"For the first time in the history of the Baptist State Convention has a layman and a woman been chosen as president and vice-president. Mr. William R. Barr was elected president and Mrs. P. J. Mann, vice-president." Congratulations to Indiana for recognizing Mrs. Mann's ability—and also for scattering the offices over the state making it truly a State Board.

Mrs. George C. Webster, President of The Washington (State) Women is recovering from an emergency operation. Mrs. Harriet Dunham, secretary, writes that "Our Loyal Vices" (Mrs. W. E. Burger and Mrs. A. D. Paddison) have carried on splendidly so we feel that the year's work is off to a fine start in spite of what seemed a set-back.

Mrs. L. Earle Jackson, active in state and local work in Wisconsin and Milwaukee has just removed with her minister husband to a new pastorate in Somerset, Mass. It is a big loss for the west but a great gain for Massachusetts.

Mrs. John L. Barton, one time missionary in the Philippines and later in South India but now wife of the South Dakota State Secretary, is always enthusiastic about Guild work and the following paragraph indicates that she has fine ideas about "How To Do It". "A special plea is being made to our churches in South Dakota to strengthen the work of our youth in missionary education. Already a response has come and one of our Guild Chapters is a group of young men and women with a college graduate as the first male president of a Guild organization. We see a day dawning with not only leaders of missionary education among our women but a possibility of leadership among our men, if our training starts now. In this twenty-fifth year of World Wide Guild we report progress along the right lines and hope to see our women helping the men to a greater joy of service through information and inspiration gained in doing for others." More power to Mrs. Barton.

Mrs. G. S. Leopold has a more direct way of sending out new programs and gift boxes. Letters are mimeographed to all association presidents, and others to local presidents.

Highlights reported by Mrs. R. W. Hollinger, president of Southern California, include an historical pageant "Witness of the Light" given at the annual meeting in October. "This was a dramatic and musical story of the work of the W.B.M.S. of Southern California from its inception, in fact, even before organized work was done. Many of our early leaders are still with us and were spotlighted as the work which they sponsored was portrayed. The pageant opened the general convention annual meeting and we hope the men profited too."

Mrs. Ralph Brown of South Portland, Maine reports that "Maine women sponsor a cottage at the Ocean Park School of Methods each year. We pay for the rent and the girls pay their registration and ten dollars for their food.

With so much emphasis being put on youth, it is well for Baptists to take a good look at how the church is taking care of its obligations to these future citizens of a youth-conscious nation.

To whom should we look for an answer to this question? To pastors, Training Union directors, and education directors in the churches and to teachers, executive and student union directors in the colleges.

A SZECHWAN BOAT SONG

Low winds sing, shadows fall,
Moonbeams climb the wall,
Safely Homing, Safely Homing,
Silver river boatmen call.

Blossom babe hears mother's croon
Bamboos hum their evening tune
Safely Homing, Safely Homing,
Boatmen joy in flowery June.

Jasmine breath is sweet and light
Temple bells ring through the night,
Safely Homing, Safely Homing,
Boatmen dream in white moonlight.

This beautiful boat song comes from the section of China about which the book "China Rediscovers her West" is written. The music is very Chinese and yet hauntingly beautiful.

LAMPLIGHT

The Church as a Target

PERRY J. STACKHOUSE

A shining mark is apt to be a target, whether it be an institution or an occupant of the White House. It is inevitable that the church which looms up in every community should be exposed to the fierce and often unfriendly light of criticism. The popular magazines in dull days can always turn to the shortcomings of the church as a basis for an article and if they can secure the services of some eminent churchman or literary lion—and they always can for a price—it makes the article more spicy and helps to sell a few thousand more copies.

Channing Pollock, lecturer and dramatist, whose play "The Fool" was so loudly acclaimed in church circles, is the latest to invade this well trodden field of the church as an institution that is approaching one of the final stages of senility—an institution that is without power, beauty and appeal. In an article reprinted from The American Mercury in the October number of The Reader's Digest, Mr. Pollock discusses the topic, "Why I Do Not Go To Church". If we are inclined to be smugly complacent concerning the church and the exalted place occupied by the Christian ministry, it may be a fine discipline for our souls to read his article and ponder over its significance. Some of the things that he writes concerning churches and ministers are sadly true and no wishful thinking on our part can make them anything else but true. It is better to face facts even though they may be very painful and embarrassing facts than to play a game of make believe in a little world of illusions. Considering his article as a whole it is a fair statement that what he writes concerning the overwhelming majority of sermons that they "are eloquent only of superficial thinking, limited experience, and pious platitudes" is not an unfair judgment on his diatribe "Why I do not go to Church."

Mr. Pollock in true dramatic style concludes his article with the following grand climax.

"'The groves were God's first temples;' and who shall be blamed for preferring them to ornate structures whose cost would have fed thousands of starved minds and bodies, or to drab little shacks empty of any kind of beauty? I can well understand the story once told me by the dancer, Ruth St. Denis. She was reared a Methodist, and had remained essentially religious, though in her later years she had little opportunity to attend services. One Sunday in a small town she learned of her mother's death and the old impulse asserted itself. 'The Church', she said, 'was hideous; the fence broken and the lawn unkempt. I entered. Damp stained the walls inside. A bad organist played dirges on a wheezy organ, and four people who couldn't sing droned them lugubriously, then a preacher who couldn't talk did so through his nose. I fled. I hate motion pictures, but I finished that morning listening to a small symphony orchestra in a theatre. There was life there'."

It has been said that truth is stranger than fiction but "a hideous church, a broken down fence, damp stained walls, a bad organist, dirges, a wheezy organ, a quartette that couldn't sing, a preacher who couldn't talk but did so through his nose," present a combination of evils that rather staggers the imagination. Never in all the experience of the writer, and in a long ministry he has visited at least a thousand churches, has he found such a combination. It smacks of Hollywood rather than of sober reality. We need not take Mr. Pollock too seriously. If he could be induced to attend church regularly in an average building with an average minister and an average choir perhaps at the end he might write an article on the subject, "Why I Go To Church."

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RECENT HOME MISSION EVENTS

By COE HAYNE

Incident to the fall meetings of the Boards of Managers of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society and The American Baptist Home Mission Society, a joint meeting of the two Boards was held at the Parkside Hotel, New York, when Secretary and Mrs. G. Pitt Beers reported concerning their visits to the Crow and Mono Indian Missions and to the Alaskan field. At the present writing (October, 1940) a church edifice is rapidly nearing completion at Kodiak where the U. S. Government has established a naval base. Dr. Beers expressed the hope that the building, planned for a well-rounded religious and social program, will be dedicated by Thanksgiving and a permanent missionary installed by that time. The missionary temporarily in charge is Rev. W. A. Warner, under whose able and energetic direction as a practical builder, the construction of the needed edifice has gone forward rapidly. Secretary Alice W. S. Brimson expressed the gratification of the Woman's Home Mission Society in view not only of this work but also of another joint building project, namely, the chapel and parsonage under construction at Stewart, Nevada, where a government school for Indians is located.

Present at the meeting was Roy Gourd, an American Indian from Bacone College, Oklahoma. This young Cherokee is the business manager of Bacone that he once attended as a student. His trip to the Atlantic coast is interesting to recall in relation to the sad trek of his people when forced to leave Georgia and the Carolinas over one hundred years ago. He spoke of the progress of Bacone under the devoted leadership of President B. D. Weeks. He stated that the high standing of the school is evidenced by the fact that graduates are accepted as juniors in all colleges and the majority of graduates who have left the school since 1927 have completed the full college course in other institutions. Mr. Gourd is a graduate of Bacone College and Redlands University and has taken additional work in the University of Oklahoma. He was formerly the principal of the high school department of Bacone.

Secretary Charles S. Detweiler reported on his recent trip to Cuba, Puerto Rico and Haiti, citing instances of the way the gospel is spreading in those countries. In many places existing buildings are not able to provide adequate room for worship services and Sunday school classes.

At their separate session the Board of Managers of the Home Mission Society heartily endorsed the appeal of the World Relief Committee of the Northern

Baptist Convention and commended it to the consideration of pastors and churches.

Secretary W. E. Woodbury announced that the Seminary Evangelistic Conferences now being planned under the general direction of the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Society will be held November 11 and 12 at Crozer Theological Seminary; during the middle of December at Andover-Newton Theological School and in January at Kansas City Theological Seminary.

MAKE RECORD DEBT PAYMENT

With the total debt already less than it has been since 1922, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention expects to reach a record payment of $180,000 on its obligations this year.

Included in the total debt reduction in 1940, according to Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer, is an allocation of $92,829.95 made on October 1.

The treasurer's report as given by Dr. Lawrence at the October meeting of the Home Mission Board showed a total of $38,978.18 paid on debts in September.

"A debt payment program," Dr. Lawrence said, "has been mapped out which will liquidate all the debts of the Home Mission Board by 1945, provided the receipts do not fall below the receipts of 1939. The total reduction of our obligations in 1939 was $159,585.15. With the even better record for 1940, we are confident of being able to do our part in reaching the Southern Baptist goal of 'A Debtless Denomination by 1945'." Approval of eight workers in Acadia Baptist Academy, French mission school in Louisiana, and of three new missionaries also claimed attention of the Board at its October meeting. Teachers in Acadia Academy are Dr. Joseph T. Fielder, principal, Miss Beryl Frances Young, Miss Hazel Lee Boies, Miss Avonia Gerald, Mrs. Vernon M. Bellue, Mr. R. S. Johnson, Mrs. R. S. Johnson, and Rev. Stafford Hebert.

DR. RUSSELL BROUGHER AT DAYTON

Dr. Russell M. Brougher, former pastor of the Brooklyn Temple, has been holding meetings in the Linden Avenue Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio. The dates were from September 22nd to October 7th. The pastor, Rev. I. N. DePuy and the entire church are delighted with the results. There have been very definite conversions and the re-dedications of Christian people have been very marked. Dr. Brougher spoke to about 4000 high school pupils in five schools with remarkable response and the same was true of his message to the Kiwanis, Rotary and Exchange clubs.

PARABLE

By CHARLES F. BANNING

Now it came to pass that the twenty-fifth day of the twelfth month dawned as does that of every other month but this day is not as other days. Had not the market place bought and sold silver and gold and fine linen from Damascus and silk from beyond the Jordan? Had not the women laid by in store much food in preparation for the day? Likewise, those who handle the mail, which men send by chariots that run on two rails, had they not been very heavy laden and had not there been thousands of messages of merriment and good cheer?

Now about the sixth hour of the twenty-fifth day of the twelfth month, behold all men did break their fast. Yea they did eat until the borders of their garments were extended. From the sixth hour until the going down of the sun there was feasting and laughter and merriment. The children did play in the street and each man shouted unto his neighbor with good cheer.

At last the evening shadows gathered and the day was far spent. The children were tired and weary and all had returned each family to its own tent when the sons of men remembered that this day which men call Christmas was indeed the birthday of the Son of God.

Now the prophet mused within himself, was it not so even in the days gone by? Was not another King lost in the stuff?

BAPTIST YOUTH TO CELEBRATE

With **"A Symphony of Achievement"** as a key-note, the Baptist Young People's Union of America has initiated plans to enlist the present-day youth and their leaders in a suitable recognition of the Union's organization July 7th-8th, 1891, and its fifty years of service to Baptist youth.

To more readily insure having the celebration events express the interest of the present constituency of the Union, a poll of State leaders is now in progress. The presidents of State and city youth organizations and the Directors of Christian Education are being asked to express their viewpoints on five possible projects.

1. Some kind of a special youth feature at the Northern Baptist Convention, Wichita, May 20-25th.
2. A Baptist Youth Conclave at Chicago on or about the anniversary date.
3. Special feature programs for use in local church groups, associational rallies, and State conventions.
4. An attractive anniversary report portraying the major items of this fifty-year "Symphony of Achievement" and indicating the future emphasis in Baptist youth work.
5. Enlisting youth groups to include in their year's program self-determined projects as their part in the anniversary celebration.

Official announcement of the formal plans will be made early in the new year. Meanwhile, the headquarters' office at 203 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago, would welcome communications from those who know of some significant human-interest event connected with the work of the Union these past fifty years, or from those desiring to testify to some significant personal gain coming from the conventions of the past or experienced in the use of the materials that have been developed and promoted by the Union.

REVIVAL FIRES KINDLED

By WALTER M. GILMORE

Nashville, Tennessee, has just experienced two very gracious simultaneous revivals—one in the First Baptist Church, Dr. W. F. Powell, pastor, and the other in the Eastland Baptist Church, Dr. E. B. Crain, pastor. The First Church has received 122 new members and the Eastland Church, 48, a good percentage by baptism, and the membership of both churches greatly revived.

Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor of the Thrid Baptist Church, St. Louis, preached to great congregations both noon and night for eleven days at the First Church, and frequently between times at schools, civic organizations, and the Sunday School Board. Every sermon in the series, and we heard them all, was on a high plane and Christ-centered.

Dr. Porter M. Bailes, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tyler, Texas, was the guest preacher at the Eastland Church. What was said above about Dr. Johnson goes also very largely for Dr. Bailes. Pastor Crain speaks in highest terms of his sermons, all of which were well prepared and forcefully delivered, full of the Scriptures and graciously received. He possesses a consuming passion for souls and is an ardent soul winner.

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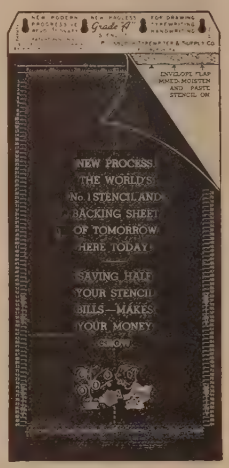

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D. D.'s FOR MINISTERS

WILLIAM A. ELLIOTT

DO BE FAITHFUL INTERPRETERS OF THE WORD. Every minister is tempted to cut his cloth to suit the customer. How difficult, in times like these, when the military spirit becomes hysteria, for the minister to hold to the teachings of the scriptures and be faithful in their interpretation. In his desire to be patriotic, he is inclined to put into the scriptures meaning that is not there, and implications in the words of Jesus which He never intended.

When the war is over, and the tumult of the nations has passed, what satisfaction to the preacher of the gospel to know that he has been faithful as an expounder of the truth; that he has not done violence to the scriptures in his zeal for the "dear old flag".

It took many ministers many a long year to apologize for their attitudes and pronouncements before and during the World War I. Not a few of them made Jesus a militarist of the first order, and found authority and sanction in His words, for all sorts of atrocities.

Let us as ministers so conduct ourselves during these fearful days, that, when the storm-clouds have passed, we shall be able, at least to retain our own self-respect, and perchance have the divine approval upon us.

DON'T OVERLOAD YOURSELF WITH MANNERISMS. A mannerism is often an unconscious act grown to abnormality. It may be a gesture oft-repeated; a pose frequently assumed; an attitude that becomes exaggerated; a facial expression that distorts; pronunciation that detracts because incorrect. Mannerisms are sometimes bad manners.

Frequently mannerisms are exaggerated imitations of the characteristics of others. We had in our State back through the years a distinguished minister with a towsley head and a drawl when he preached. It was interesting to see how many ministers imitated the towsley head and the drawl, and became cheap editions of the great preacher.

To be oneself in the pulpit, does not mean that one must bring all of his accumulated mannerisms through the years, into the pulpit with him. If one of your mannerisms is the oft-repeated hitching of your trousers, I suggest that you get a pair of "galluses".

VIC'S VERSES

CHRISTMAS REFUGEES

I wonder where they stayed in Egypt land—
Did Bethlehem's Star guide Joseph o'er the sand
To where a hosteler of gentle mind
Provided them with sanctuary kind?
Some day I'll ask St. Matthew things like these,
And learn who housed the Blessed Refugees.

O Egypt! You have recompensed for those
Who suffered under heartless Pharaohs;
Forgiven is the crime of former days,
When sons of Abram fled your cruel ways;
He made the sin of centuries depart
Who took the infant Savior to his heart.

And now when ships are crossing wintry seas,
Their cold rails lined with lonely refugees,
Our minds are strongly tempted to condemn
The nations which have brought such pain to them:
"There is no good," we cry, "in lands of hate;
To be destroyed by God should be their fate."

But wait . . . our Lord found haven in the place
Which put to death His forebears in disgrace;
Dare we not trust God's love will sometime sway
The men of lands which persecute today?
Thou wert, O Christ, a Christmas refugee,
Behold how many now would shelter Thee!

H. Victor Kane

INTERDENOMINATIONAL NEWS

The Milwaukee Fellowship Institute held a two-day session September 26-27. The special speakers were: Mrs. W. S. Lincoln of Chicago on Migrants and Mrs. R. F. Joop of Bensenville, Illinois from the Evangelical church on China. There was a special evening program the night before the study hours opened and the final event was a Chinese play directed by Mrs. J. Mavis of the Christian Center Baptist church. Mrs. B. R. Dennis, Baptist, is the President of the Council of Church Women of Milwaukee County.

The International Missionary Institute of the Woman's Department of the Church Federation of Chicago was held on September 24-25 at the McCormick Memorial Y.W.C.A. with the theme, "A Changeless Christ for a Changing World". Here were experts to talk and teach, such as Dr. T. Otto Nall, author of "Move On, Youth," Dr. George W. Shepherd, advisor of the Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-Shek on the New Life Movement, Dr. T. H. P. Sailer from New York and our own Miss Helen White, Supervisor of 23 states for the work of the Council of Women for Home Missions among Migrants. She is "our own" because she is supported by part of our gifts to the World Day for Prayer.

The Annual Institute of the Toledo Council of Women's Missionary Societies was held on September 26-27 with the theme "A Christian's Responsibility to World Problems". The Editor of this page was the leader for both home and foreign subjects speaking four times on the first day and once the next morning. One special feature was the story of the United Christian Youth Movement by a fine youth who is pledged to the leadership of Jesus Christ. The closing hour was a Chinese play presented by Chinese pupils from the school in one of the Baptist churches of the city.

The Institute for Des Moines Women was held September 17-20. Again ye editor was the leader for the hours on China, and the periods on Migrants were most excellently handled by Mrs. B. G. Field, a Baptist and member of the Forest Avenue Baptist Church. She had toured the west this summer and had seen with her own eyes the migrants in and out of camps. This institute is to be made more intensive this next year by having longer days, but only two instead of four.

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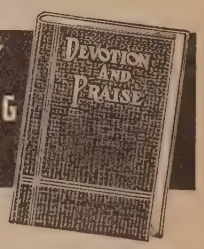

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THE WORLD WOLF AND THE CHRIST CHILD

The Wolf is at the world's door. His howling is accompanied by penetrating cold, prevailing hunger, the pains of under nutrition and the sorrows of separation, sickness, wounds and death.

But the World Wolf cannot bear the sight of the Christ Child and this is the month of the Christ Child. Already in His name we have had some part in turning the wild beast from many doors.

From France has come the assurance that your gifts have provided Swiss milk, life-giving vitamins, nourishing fats and sustaining breads.

From Eastern Europe (names and places could be given were it wise) we have news that gifts have arrived and that the Wolf has fled howling from the houses of some of the pastors, church members and others whom they are able to help.

From war camps we hear of comfort and aid rendered to prisoners whose minds and spirits reel under the assaults of monotony, loneliness and want.

From threatened mission stations in Africa, Asia and the island world we receive the thanks of Christian workers whose redemptive service is saved through your gifts.

From China where 45 million have lost their homes, hundreds of cities have been bombed and more than two million people have been killed and wounded, we hear of life and reason saved, wounds and sickness cared for, many thousands of hungry fed and hope restored to despairing hearts.

But the **World Wolf wants us to stop.** He says "You have done enough now." **(Enough!** God save the mark!) Leave the rest to me. You can't get by the blockade." He thinks to frighten or cajole us as did the wolf in **Little Red Riding Hood.**

How the World Wolf hates the Christ Child. And with good reason. Listen to the words of the Saviour. "I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me."

And we answer: "Lord, when — ?" Here is the reply: Refugee women are given sanctuary from the dangers of war, and a chance to revive handicrafts for a livelihood. Refugee men are set at work repairing roads and city walls, thus keeping their self-respect while they support their families. Orphan children are fed as well as educated. And echoing about all these services of relief is our master's assurance: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me."

So long as hunger, cold, pain, loneliness and death continue, Christian men, women and little children have the joy of meriting anew Christ's "Inasmuch." Last month's personal gift or church collection feeds the hungry today. Tomorrow's want will be met by new gifts today.

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Ten Reasons for Tithing

By T. O. Reese

1. It is scriptural. (This should be reason enough.)
2. It is businesslike. (Our church affairs should be carried on with businesslike methods.)
3. God seems to prosper those who tithe. (Mal. 3:10.)
4. Tithing disarms criticism. (You never hear a tither criticizing.)
5. It prepares for a larger giving. (Develops us in stewardship.)
6. It adequately cares for our Lord's work. (No other plan has.)
7. It is a joy to be in partnership with God. ("Workers with him." 2 Cor. 6:1.)
8. A tither is never irritated about giving. (Even for special gifts.)
9. No other plan is so workable. (Could you suggest one?)
10. Jesus endorsed tithing. (Matt. 23:23; Luke 11:42; see also Heb. 7:8.)

MASSACHUSETTS

By Carroll O. Morong, Waltham

The Reverend H. A. Heath, D. D. recently retired secretary of the Massachusetts Baptist Convention and Dr. C. T. Brownell recently retired pastor of the First Baptist Church of Haverhill are both recuperating from serious operations at the New England Baptist Hospital.

Dr. William S. Abernethey of the Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C. has been drawing large congregations as guest speaker during July at the Tremont Temple Baptist Church in Boston.

On August 10, Dr. C. Oscar Johnson of St. Louis was the guest speaker at the Tremont Temple Baptist Church.

Dr. William Ward Ayer, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, New York City, will be the principal speaker at the Ninety-second Annual Meeting of the Boston North Baptist Association on Tuesday, August 8, 1940.

YOUTH OF FOREIGN-SPEAKING PARENTAGE ENLIST FOR CHRISTIAN WORK

By JOHN HESTENES

One of the most gratifying results of the Christian center work is the enlistment for Christian service by young people of the national groups who have come under the influence of the missionaries. Several young Japanese in the Japanese Christian Center in Sacramento have declared their intention to prepare themselves for the Christian ministry. James Wanveer, a Chinese young man who for several years directed the Chinese Center in Sacramento has entered Redlands University for further training in Christian service. George Chan, a product of Chung Mei Home, who has begun work in the Chinese center, Sacramento, intends to combine study with work leading toward a full-time Christian service. Friendship House, Hamtramck, Michigan, William J. Washer, a center worker of several years' experience, has assumed the leadership there. Rev. Anthony Vasquez, an Italian young man, has become director of the Italian Center of Philadelphia. During the year we were fortunate in securing the services of other trained young men entering the Christian center field as a life vocation. Thomas R. Rehorn, a product of Bethel Center, Kansas City, has become director of Friendship House, Toledo, Ohio. Frank G. Muench has taken over the direction of the Japanese Center in Sacramento. Walter Morris, a graduate of Crozer Seminary has become director of boys' and men's work in Weirton, West Virginia. Merrill Van Zandt has taken over the position of director of boys', men's work at Rankin, (Pa.) Christian Center.

A new venture among Christian centers, which has proven to be of great value to the work, is the Volunteer Leaders Camp. Active young people from a number of the centers are selected and given one week in camp, under the guidance of several Christian center directors. Regular study classes are conducted each day, and the young peoeple return home with a much better understanding of the program of the Center, and better able to perform the tasks allotted to them.

IDAHO "DRYS" ATTACK THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC

IRVING GAINES RODDY

President, The Allied Civic Forces of Idaho

Organized as "The Allied Civic Forces" of the State of Idaho the Christian people of all denominations have launched an aggressive attack upon the liquor traffic in this state. Win or lose, there is a real fight in this state, between the "wets" and the "drys". The campaign is being carried into every county of the state. The battle is on.

Failing to receive any consideration at the hands of the last state legislature for the betterment of conditions the "Drys" have carried the issue to the people in two proposed Initiative Measures entitled the "County Intoxicating Liquor Control Act" and "The Idaho Sobriety Act". These measures supplement each other and give protection to the "dry" county under the local option measure by providing a strict regulation of the "wet" county under the Sobriety Act.

The "Sobriety Act" outlaws all Liquor Advertising, all locker clubs, etc; all liquor agents within the state, Federal Permits and reduces the amount of liquor which can be sold by state permit to the bare minimum. Once adopted by the voters of the state at the election this fall, these provisions apply to the entire state whether a county under the "County Option Control Act" votes wet or dry. Circulation of these Petitions required by the state statute brought over 28,000 signers with only 18,546 needed to place the measures on the ballot. Even after the elimination of many names by the Secretary of State, official announcement is made that the requirement has been met and the measures will be on the ballot this fall.

Already the opposition under the enticing name of Idaho Civil Rights Protective Association without publishing the roster of its officers or membership has answered by declaring the measures as "undemocratic and unAmerican" prophesying the return of "bootlegging", despite the fact that there are 786 presumed bootleggers in Idaho now paying $25 for federal licenses to retail liquor under the state store system. How interesting the argument that the balloting by the people rather than the politicians is "undemocratic and unAmerican". We welcome the battle here in Idaho. From Utah to the Canadian line over a front of more than a thousand miles the campaign will be carried to every city and county of this state.

LONG PASTORATES

It is interesting to note the number of men and institutions which celebrate long periods of service. The Dudley Street Baptist church, Boston, is planning to observe the 20th anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. Arthur T. Brooks on January 19, 1941. . . . Rev. F. W. Kamm, is retiring after 25 years with the Garfield Avenue church, Milwaukee, and will live at New Buffalo, Mich. . . . Rev. Wm. A. Barker is retiring to the Penney Farms, Florida, after 40 years in the ministry, the last 20 with the First church, Woonsocket, R. I. . . . Dr. R. E. Day has resigned the pastorate of the Hamilton Square church, San Francisco, after ten years of service. . . . Dr. Finley F. Gibson has just celebrated his 22nd anniversary with the Walnut Street Church, Louisville, Ky.

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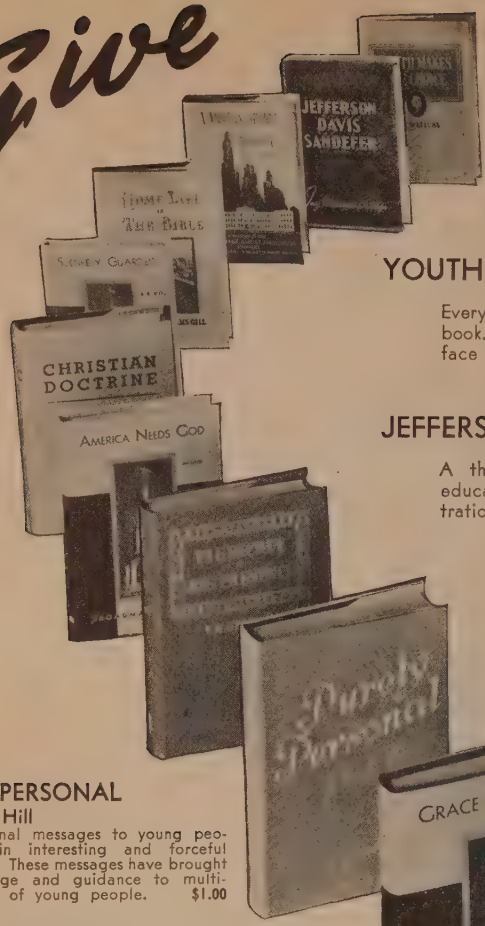

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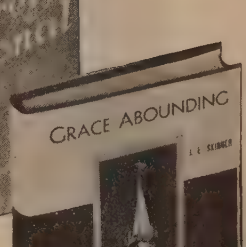

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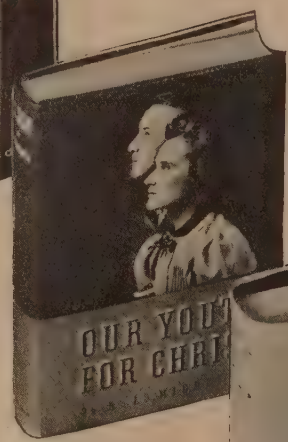

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By C. W. Cutler

Okanogan, within a few miles of e Canadian line, means to us that beau-ful valley "Where God Makes Apple" On two sides are rugged hills, snw covered and cold. While severe weat r rules high above us, the valley itself s in bright sunshine with moder e weather. A poetical brother sings abo t our hills, our people, and our rollickig fishing streams, and hunting groun . The public school people boast Okanogan Valley as "The Place whe God Makes Strong Men and Wome "

In the little town of Okanogan the is a little Baptist church that for ma years has ministered to a community t typical Western people, that is peo e coming from every state in the Uni and people who, traveling westwa have too often left their religious int ests "back home." Without a dou people of Baptist background predon nate in the valley and the several tow As it stands now the First Bapt Church of Okanogan is the only Bapt church within eighty miles in any dire tion. It has had the usual ups a downs of pioneer churches. It has h its revivals and its recessions. Rig here we would stress a peculiar chara teristic of far western Baptist churche They can be "up and coming" one d "down and out" the next. They m be a beehive of activity, energetic, pra ing, working, appealing to the crow today and tomorrow nothing but a empty church building. One reason f this peculiar tendency is that wester people will not fuss over a differenc they just quit and stay home until t storm is past. The Okanogan Churc has shown a disposition to forgive an forget.

Last summer the Baptist church wa "down" but not "out". The chapel ca missionary acting as a "Doctor of Sic Churches" felt the patient's pulse an decided that the affliction was seriou painful, but not fatal. The majority o the members were following the usua western procedure—just staying home A few were attending the services bu with an evident spirit of suspicion Finances were at a low ebb, heavy debt a burden, the building neglected an forlorn. The remedy, not a major opera tion, the cutting off of diseased mem bers, but God's own remedy, the preach ing of the Gospel. The results? W praise the Lord that we are able to re port a new church building not nearl big enough for a growing congregatio and a congregation showing a fine spiri of Christian fellowship. With volunte labor we have added to our auditoriu and we are now redecorating the walls There are no debts. All improvement

e being paid for. We are now planing the building of an educational unit, building about sixty feet square having two floors with social halls and ass rooms suitable for Bible school urposes.

In addition to our regular services we ave a very active Brotherhood, a Young eople's Society, and an energetic group women. We are promoting a Teacher raining Course, having two hours each eek in which we study the Life of esus.

Looking over the field, seeing its ossibilities we cry with Paul "Who is he Okanogan church is put on its feet e have a dozen little towns nearby and large territory practically untouched y Baptist work.

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BAPTIST CHURCH AND SCHOOL IN SAN SALVADOR

The Baptist Church of San Salvador, El Salvador, celebrated its 28th birthday with a week of prayer. Each night special topics were considered. The Sunday services also were concluded with special prayer sessions. Sunday morning two splendid young women and three earnest young men were baptized, after having proven themselves faithful in church activities and diligent in the membership study class. The church has been strengthened greatly by these additions, for all are intelligent converts.

Since the Salvadorean likes a **fiesta**, on Anniversary night there was a well prepared and well attended banquet, at which a joyous fellowship was experienced by members and guests as well as delightful moments of games and surprises. One young member, who has few **fiestas** in his work-a-day life, expressed the sentiments of many of those present when he shyly confided to me, "It was all so correct, so beautiful, and enjoyable that I did not wish to come away."

The San Salvador church, itself a child of missions, acknowledges its responsibility of sending the "good news" to other lands. Each year the church sends a generous offering to the American Bible Society to aid in the distribution of Bibles to Spanish-speaking countries. During the month of July special mention of missions was made at prayer and church services. Envelopes with a missionary message were given to all members and children for their special missionary offerings to be received in August. These offerings were sent to our Home and Foreign Mission Societies. The church contributes to the support of a native worker among the Indians, and has a fund for the free distribution of tracts.

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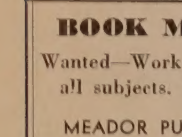
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A little over seven months ago I was appointed by my church to a new parish. I looked the situation over for a few weeks, took a survey of the possibilities and responsibilities and found that I was the pastor of two churches, eight miles apart, each with an approximately equal task to perform. While the membership in the out appointment was only 79 active and 25 inactive, I found that I had in my parish there 175 families who were looking to no other church for their religious help. My home church presented as large a problem with 50 active members and 42 inactive members, our church the only one in the community, at least 175 families to serve, an old parsonage not fit for a human dwelling, a church which had no resident pastor for twenty years, but which had been served from the other end of the parish. The bright spot in the picture was that the people were determined to put their church on a sure footing. I saw work for two men and I was only one of them, so I began to look for something to facilitate my labors and make every move count. Among other things I investigated the service of The National Religious Press. After careful investigation I decided I had found a way to do my tremendous task.

I established a parish paper which is printed monthly by The National Religious Press. Today I am preparing the copy for the sixth issue. The results compared with the birdseye view of the parish I was given will tell why I publish a parish paper. I wanted to reach many families which I couldn't get into the church with a Christian message. The parish paper now goes regularly into over 200 homes. I had to build up the morale and pride of the churches. Now attendance has improved 40 per cent in one church and 400 per cent in the other. They tell their friends about their church and show them their parish paper. People are encouraged and proud of their church and paper. I had to build a new parsonage. Last week we moved into a beautiful new home which we built at a cost of nearly $4,000, about one-half of which is already paid for. Our parish paper has helped us in our publicity and made a great deal of our building success possible. A monthly financial report in the parish paper helps to keep people informed and they give more liberally. The missionary work of our denomination was not understood. Now there is an improvement in the attitude toward missionary giving. Christian periodicals were not to be found in more than five per cent of the homes. We have raised that by at least ten or fifteen per cent with the help of our parish paper.

When I stop to record here the most important things my parish paper has done for my church in six short months I am more convinced than ever that I cannot, I must not get along in my parish without it.

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